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MINUTES

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◆ 59th ANNUAL SESSION ◆

— OF THE —

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

Roans Creek Church
Ashe County, N. C.

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Days of
October, 1913.

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Minutes of the 59th Annual Session of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

THE ROAN'S CREEK CHURCH, ASHE COUNTY, N. C.,

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th days of October, 1913.

Proceedings.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. R. Wilson, a visitor from the Mayo Association, by using the 84th Psalm. How amiable are thy tabernacles, &c.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the Church house and was called to order by singing, and prayer by Elder B. Rose, a visitor from the Indian Creek association.

1st. Received letters and messengers from all our Churches except two— North Fork and New River.

2nd. Organized the Association by appointing Eld. T. H. Kilby Moderator, and J. F. Hartzog Clerk.

3rd. Authorized the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

4th. Appointed B. Rose and B. H. Blevins. to preach at the stand today.

5th. Called for Correspondents from sister Assoctations, when he following came forward, and were seated :

From the Mountain— Eld. M. B. Martin, and Bros. Norma Roup, T. R. Candle, R. F. Edwards, Hiram Edwards with minutes.

Roaring River— Bros. Jesse Miller, and W. L. Owins, with inutes.

Silver Creek — Bro. J. A. Walters, with minutes.

St. Clair's Bottom— Eld. H. B. Miller, with minutes.

6th. Called for transient, or visiting brethren, when the follow- g came forward and were seated :

From the White Water association, Eld. John R. Daily.

From Mayo association, Eld. J. R. Wilson.

From the Indian Creek association, Eld. B. Rose.

From the Senter association, Eld. B. H. Blevins.

From the Mountain association, Bros. Isham Fender, Thomas Fender, I. C. Reynolds, Marshal Edwards.

th. Appointed a committee on the ministry, to wit: J. M kson, Frank Reeves, and C. N. Davis, and the messengers of ans Creek Church.

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8th. Appointed a committee on Finance, to wit: F. L. Colvard, A. B. Miller, and C. W. Spencer.

9th. Called on Correspondents that were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report.

10th. Reports received and the Brethren discharged; and excused those who failed.

11th. Appointed a committee on arrangements to wit: Preston Gambill, John Severt, and E. Davis, with the Moderator, Clerk, correspondents, and transients invited to seats with them.

12th. Adjourned until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. M. B. Martin, a correspondent from the Mountain association.

SATURDAY, October 4, 1913.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, and was opened by singing, and prayer by Eld. C. C. Davis.

1st. Called the roll and marked absentees.

2nd. Called on the committee on arrangements to report, who reported and was discharged.

3rd. To dispense with the reading of the constitution and rules of decorum at this session.

4th. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:
To the Mountain— Elds. C. B. Kilby, C. C. Davis, E. Davis and Bros. N. C. Shepherd, W. D. Lyall, E. D. Severt, and M. B. Taylor.
To the Roaring River— Eld. C. B. Kilby, and F. L. Colvard.
To the Silver Creek— Eld. J. A. Cave, and J. F. Hartzog.
To New River— Eld. C. B. Kilby.
To St. Clairs Bottom— Elds. C. C. Davis, E. Davis, C. B. Kilby.

5th. Agreed to correspond with Indian Creek, Zion, Washington, Bare Creek, and Fishers River associations by minutes.

6th. To waive taking up correspondance with the Powells Valley, and Nolachucky associations at the present and still labor for correspoddance, and send each a file of our minutes.

7th. To have the obituaries of Bros. Richard Perry, and John Ham printed in our minutes.

8th. To excuse North Fork and New River Churches for failing to represent in the association.

9th. Appointed the clerk treasurer, and to superintend the printing of the minutes, to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

10th. Called on committee on Finance to report, who reported received from all the churches $23.80.

Allowed for printing minutes and postage,	$8.00.
Allowed the Clerk for his service,	2.00.
Allowed the Moderator,	3.00.
Disbursements to correspondents and visiting Elders,	11.80.

and were discharged.

11th. We as an advisory council, advise the churches composing the Senter association to close their doors against all men that advocate or preach this God dishonering unlimited absolute predestination of all things both good and bad, and that God's first great cause is the cause of all causes.

12th. The committee on preaching reported for Saturday 1st., Eld. H. B. Miller; 2nd. Eld. J. R. Wilson; 3rd. Eld. John R. Daily. For Sunday, 1st. Eld M. B. Martin; 2nd. Eld. John R. Daily; 3rd. Eld. J. R. Wilson.

13th. The next Association to be held with the Pleasant Grove church 14 miles N. W. of Jefferson, N. C., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1914.

14th. Resolved that we return thanks to God, brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kindness to us during this session.

15th. On motion we now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

T. H. KILBY, MODERATOR.

J. F. HARTZOG, CLERK.

Names and P. O. Addresses of Ordained Elders.

Eld.	T. H. Kilby,	Rugby,	Va.
"	C. C. Davis,	Park,	"
"	E. Davis,	"	"
"	J. A. Cave,	"	"
"	C. B. Kilby,	Crumpler,	N. C.
"	B. H. Blevins,	Troutdale,	Va.

NAMES AND P. O. ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS.

Senter,	J. M. Dickson,	Crumpler,	N. C.
Cranberry,	N. C. Shepheard,	Scotville,	"
Roans Creek	W. T. Gravin,	Ore Knob,	"
Bare Creek,	R. F. Brickell,	Glendail Springs,	"
River View,	J. F. Hartzog,	Boone,	"
Beaver Creek,	D. S. Laurance,	Beaver Creek,	"

NAMES AND P. O. ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS.

(Continued from preceeding page)

North Fork,	John W. Roten,	Clifton,	N. C.
Horse Creek,	Reeves Osborne,	Lansing,	"
Silas Creek,	E. Osborne,	Grassy Creek,	"
Pond Mountain,	C. N. Davis,	Park,	Va.
Big Helton,	W. Kilby,	Rugby,	"
Pleasant Grove,	J. J. Lyall,	Lansing,	N. C.
South Fork,	Aris Perry,	Crumpler,	"
New River,	H. T. Barker,	Grassy Creek,	"

Preaching on Sunday:

1st. Eld. M. B. Martin.
2nd. Eld. John R. Daily.
3rd. Eld. J. R. Wilson.

The services closed with much rejoicing, and we believe in honor to God.

(Cannot have the obituaries of Bros. Richard Perry and John Ham printed for the reason that I sent them to the Advance Job Office for printing and failed to get them printed, and also failed in getting them back.

Clerk.

Obituaries.

RICHARD PERRY was born July the 7th 1828; departed this life Aug. 21st 1913, making his stay on earth 85 y. 1 m. 14 d.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1848, and joined the Church at Horse Creek, Jan. 2nd. 1849. He was elected Church Clerk in October 1877, and served faithfully for about 17 years. Was ordaindeacon October the 4th Saturday 1893, and serued faithfully the remainder of his life. He was sent to represent the Church in the Association for many years.

Brother Perry leaves a wife and four children, — one son and 3 daughters,— and many grand children and friends to mourn their loss. He will be missed in the Church, as he always gave the minister, as well as the lay members, good counsel; but we weep not as those who have no hope, but by the love and grace of God we will press forward to that blessed and glorious day when patriarch, prophet, apostle, and all the redeemed of the Lord, and all the subjects of His love and mercy will be togethar where there is no pain nor death.

Brother perry's great delight was to care for the dear ministers and visiting brethren, and he opened his doors wide to the wayfaring pilgrims. He also stood firm with Bro. John Ham in the division referred to in his obituary. He believed in salvation by grace, and grace alone. He was so faithful and devoted to that great cause he so dearly loved, that he never would affiliate with any other order but true Primitive Baptist.

Written by Eld. J. A. Cave, and J. Perry.

JOHN HAM was born July 12th 1830; departed this life March the 4th 1910. His stay on earth was 80y. 8m. and 8d. He joined the church at Horse Creek October the 1 Saturday 1860. He was chosen Church Clerk March the 1st Saturday 1866, and was clerk in 1867, when the sad devision came in the Church and they had to withdraw fellowship from 16 of the brethren and sisters that went off in disorder and constitutes what is known as the Mountain Union Baptist. He stood firm and earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints. Then in July the 4th Saturday 1892 he was ordained to the office of a Deacon, and served faithfully till death. He leaves an affectionate companion and six children to mourn their loss, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. He has changed from a world of sin and sorrow, where death can not come, where the wicked cease from troubling and where the weary are at rest.

Brother Ham's poor afflicted body is assigned to the grave, there to await the glorious resurrection, while his spirit has returned to God who gave it.

Written by Eld's. H. B. Miller, and J. A. Cave.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Church Meetings.—Sat.	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in fellowship.	Contributions.
Senter	C. B. Kilby, F. L. Colvard, Willie Pennington.	2						1		4	112	3.00
Cranbury	N. C. Shepheard, J. F. Reeves.	3						1			56	1.50
South Fork	Preston Gambill.	4					1			1	62	1,50
New River	Not Represented.											
2nd. SECTION.												
Roans Creek	W. T. Craven, W. D. Lyall, G. F. Thomson.	4				1				1	39	1.95
Bare Creek	W. L. Absher, R. F. Brickell.	1			1				1		47	.50
River View	J. F. Hartzog, A. B. Miller, J. A. Miller.	3			2				2		35	2.00
Beaver Creek	John Phipps, John Severt, E. D. Severt.	4			1				2		39	1.60
North Fork	Not Represented.											1.00
3rd. SECTION.												
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall.	3								1	27	1.35
Pond Mountain	C. C. Davis, E. Davis, C. N. Davis.	1	2		4	1					80	3.00
Horse Creek	J. A. Cave, Nelson Ham.	4	1					5		4	73	2.30
Big Helton	T. H. Kilby, Cicero Spencer, R. J. Blevins.	3	1			1		1			103	2.70
Silas Creek	E. E. Osborne, Hegga McNeill.	2									29	1.50

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HELD WITH

The Church at North Fork
Ashe County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
September 6, 7 and 8, 1929

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OFFICERS

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON....Moderator
Nathans Creek, North Carolina

J. F. HARTZOG........................Clerk
Idlewild, North Carolina

G. A. MILLER ....Assistant Clerk
Beaver Creek, North Carolina

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 6, 1929

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. T. W. Osborne. a visitor from the Washington Association. Text: II Timothy 2 : 15.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. Stephen Roberts, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

Elder Ed Davis, our Moderator, not being present on account of the serious illness of his son, Elder F. E. Thompson was chosen moderator pro tem.

1. On motion received and read letters from all our churches, and seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized the Association by appointing Eld. F. E. Thompson moderator, and J. F. Hartzog clerk, who called Bro. G. A. Miller to his assistance.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations when the following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins and minutes; Mountain—Elders Stephens Roberts, C. B. Kilby and minutes; Roaring River—Minutes; Indian Creek—No Intelligence; Silver Creek—Elder R. A. May, Bro. C. L. McGhee and minutes; Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated—Minutes; Fishers River—Minutes; Washington—Minutes; Kehuke—Minutes; Ebenezer—Minntes; New River—Minutes; Ketoctan—Minutes.

5. Called for transcient or visiting brethren when the following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clairs Bottom—Bro. J. A. Bartley; Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated—Elder W. C. McMillan; Washington—Elder T. W. Osborne; Senter—Bro. G. A. Miller, Eld. J. A. Cave.

6. For the moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Elder G. W. Barker, Brethren Gaither Kilby, J. H. Eldreth, with messengers of this church.

8. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Brethen F. T. Miller, E. D. Severt and T. E. Hartzog.

9. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elder B. H Blevins, Brethren C. N. Davis, J. M. Davis, Gaither Kilby and F. L. Colvard.

10. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elder B. H. Blevins, Brethren F. L. Colvard and J. M. Davis.

11. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Brother F. M. Miller's.

12. To adjourn till tomorrow morning 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder R. A. May.

Saturday, September 7, 1929

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Blevins, a correspondent from St. Clairs Bottom Association.

1. On motion for the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and the brethren discharged.

2. Called the roll and erased absentees.

3. To omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum at this time.

4. Called on correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report. Report received and discharged the brethren.

5. Called on committee that was appointed to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who appointed correspondents as follows:

To St. Clairs Bottom—Elders Ed Davis, F. E. Thompson and B. H. Blevins; Mountain—Elders Ed Davis, B. H. Blevins, F. E. Thompson and Bro. F. L. Colvard; Silver Creek—Elder F. E. Thompson, Brethren J. F. and T. E. Hartzog; Indian Creek—Elder Ed Davis. Received the report and discharged the brethren.

6. To correspond with New River, Washington, Fishers River Kehukee, Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated and Ebenezer Associations by minutes.

7. That we withhold correspondence from our sister, the Roaring River Association, for taking into their body Cranberry, a church that has been dropped from our body; and for tolerating this God-dishonoring doctrine of absolute predestination of all things whatsoever comes to pass.

8. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported:

Received from the churches		$ 84.03
Left over from last year		25.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	$35.00	
Allowed Moderator	5.00	
Allowed Clerk	5.00	
Allowed correspondents to Indian Creek Association	25.00	
Allowed correspondents to Silver Crerk Association	10.00	
Allowed correspondents to Mountain Association	9.03	
Allowed correspondents to St. Clairs Bottom Association	20.00	
Totals	$109.03	$109.03

Report received and the committee discharged.

9. To have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

10. Called on the committee on preaching to report, who reported as follows:

For Saturday—1st. Elder R. A. May; 2nd. Elder T. W. Osborne; 3rd. Elder W. C. McMillan.

For Sunday—1st. Elder H. M. Blevins; 2nd. Elder C. B. Kilby; 3rd. Elder W. C. McMillan. The Moderator to close. Report received and the brethren discharge.

11. That the next association be held with the church at Bear Creek, eleven miles southeast of West Jefferson, on Highway No. 16, to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1930.

12. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes. To have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. To read the minutes. Minutes read and received.

14. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His blessings and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their hospitality during this session.

We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby.

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator
J. F. HARTZOG, Clerk.
G. A. MILLER, Assistant, Clerk.

Preaching Sunday

1.	Elder H. M. Blevins	Did not get text.
2.	Elder C. B. Kilby	Text; Rom. 6 : 21
3.	Elder W. C. McMillan	Text; Col. 3 : 14.

This closes another harmonious session of the Senter Association.
CLERK.

Elders and Their Post Offices

Elder Ed Davis	Whitetop, Virginia
Elder J. A. Cave	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder B. H. Blevins	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder F. E. Thompson	Nathans Creek, North Carolina
Elder G. W. Barker	Lansing, North Carolina

Licentiates and Their Post Offices

David Sullivan	Husk, North Carolina
Wiley Carter	Whitetop, Virginia
G. D. Rotten	Clifton, North Carolina

CONSTITUTION

The churches from the Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Assocation shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be goverened and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall by admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every querry, first being debated in the church and then presented in the association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expense of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Associaation shall be read, corrected, it need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may

deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of the Churches to endeavor to preserve a chain of Communion amongst the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

Churches, Clerks, Post Offices, and No. of Minutes Each

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min
Senter	J. L. Wyrick	Crmpler, N C.	75
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	30
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	30
River View	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	50
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt	Jefferson, N. C.	25
North Fork	F. M. Miller	Clifton, N. C.	55
Pleasant Grove	J .J. Lyall	Lansing, N. C.	20
Pond Mountain	C. N. Davis	Lansing, N. C.	70
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets	Lansing, N. C.	50
Big Helton	J. Perry	Whitetop, Va.	80
Silas Creek	Amanda Kilby	Lansing, N. C.	20
Troutdale	W. M. Anderson	Troutdale, Va.	50

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
St. Clairs Bottom	J. A. Blevins	Chilhowie, Va.	40
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	60
Silver Creek	T. H. Bentley	Stanley, N. C.	25
Indian Creek	J. I. Bolen	Beckley, W. Va.	50
New River	J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	55
Fishers River	F. P. Stone	R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	50
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	50
Washington	J. J. Counts	Cleveland, Va.	45
Ebenezer	O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	35
Tenn. & Nolachucky	Z. R. Williams	Cosby, Tenn.	30
Ketocton	C. W. Miller	Box 1267 Washington, D. C.	30

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Names of Messengers and Pastors	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Ree'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis.by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Senter	Eld. F. E. Thompson, F. L. Colvard, W. R. Pennington. Pastor F. E. Thompson	2	1						1		110	$10.30
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller, W. D. Lyall, Foster Bare. Pastor Elder F. E. Thompson	4			3					1	42	7.25
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller, Geo. Caudill. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson.	1			1						37	2.75
River View	J. F. Hartzog, T. F. Vannoy, T. E. Hartzog. Pastors Elders F. E. Thompson, Ed Davis	3			1					1	28	7.10
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	4									29	2.00
N. Fork	J. W. Roten, J. M. Weaver, Dewey Roten. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, G. W. Barker	1	1	1				2		1	39	22.00
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets, Stephen Perry, W. M. Ham. Pastor, Eld. G. W. Barker	4		1					1		58	5.50
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall. Pastors, None	2									22	1.00
Pond Mountain	J. H. Eldreth, C. N. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis.	2	1		5						82	8.00
Big Helton	Eld. G. W. Barker, G. E. Kilby J. M. Davis. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, G. W. Barker	3	2	1	10		1			1	95	11.15
Silas Creek	Miss Amanda Kilby. Pastor, None.									1	15	1.50
Troutdale	Elder B. H. Blevins, J. W. Sanders. Pastors, Elders B. H. & H. M. Blevins.	3	1							2	49	4.48

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OFFICERS

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Nathans Creek, North Carolina

J. F. HARTZOG.........................Clerk
Idlewild, North Carolina

F. T. MILLER ....Assistant Clerk
Wagoner, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 12, 1930

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. E. O. Lilly, a correspondent from the Indian Creek association. Text, St. John 14 : 6.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. G. L. Walker, a correspondent from the Indian Creek association.

1. On motion read and received letters from all our churches except Silas Creek, and seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized the Association by appointing Eld. F. E. Thompson moderator and J. F. Hartzog clerk, who called Brother F. T. Miller to assist him.

3. Called for petitionary letters, when a letter from Reddies River was presented and referred to the committee on arrangements.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations when the following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Eld. C. N. Tilson, Brethren J. G. Perry, W. C. Davis. Mountain, Eld. J. D. Vass, Bro. R. F. Edwards. Indian Creek, Elds. E. O. Lilly and G. L. Walker. Silver Creek, Eld. R. A. May, Brethren W. A. Bentley, C. L. McGee. Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated, Minutes. Washington, Minutes. New River, Minutes. Kehukee, Minutes. Original Bear Creek, Minutes. Ebenezer, Minutes. Ketocton, Minutes. Dan River, Minutes.

5. Called for transient or visiting brethren when the following came forward and were seated. St. Clairs Bottom, Brethren J. L. Miller and Ellis Sheets. Mountain, Eld. J. A. Moxley, Brethren T. A. Fender, I. C. Reynolds, A. L. Caudill, V. W. Reeves. Indian Creek, I. W. Kilby. Original Bear Creek, Sister J. P. Coffey. Dan River, Eld. J. R. Wilson. Silver Creek, Sister R. A. May. Senter, Elds. J. A. Cave, G. W. Barker, Brother F. L. Colvard.

6. For the moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Brethren J. M. Davis, J. H. Eldreth and G. E. Kilby, with the messengers of this church.

8. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Brethren F. T. Miller, E. D. Severt and T. E. Hartzog.

9. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elds. B. H. Blevins, Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, W. C. Carter and Brother W. D. Lyall, with the moderator and clerk, correspondents and transients invited to sit with them.

10. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Brethren J. M. Davis, W. M. Anderson and J. M. Weaver.

11. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Brother S. J. Miller's.

12. Adjournment till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Eld. Ed Davis.

Saturday Morning, September 13, 1930

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. J. R. Wilson, a visitor from Dan River association.

1. On motion for the committee on arrangements to report, who reported. Report received and the committee discharged.

2. To take Reddies River church into our body.

3. To waive reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Called on correspondents who were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report. Report received and brethren discharged.

5. To correspond with New River, Washington, Fishers River, Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated, Ebenezer, and Mountain associatious by minutes.

6. To have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these minutes.

7. Called on the committee who was appointed to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who reported as follows: To St. Clairs Bottom, Elds. Ed Davis and F. E. Tompson. Silver Creek, Eld. F. E. Thomson. Indian Creek, Eld. Ed Davis. Report received and the brethren discharged.

8. To have the Obiuaries of Sister Mary A. Hartzog and Bro. John Atwood printed in these minutes.

9. That the next association be held with Big Helton church, 17 miles north of Jefferson, N. C., and 5 miles north of Lansing, N. C., a R. R. station, to commence on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1931.

10. Appointed a committee to visit Silas Creek church to know the reason why they failed to represent in the association, as follows: Elds. G. D. Roten and G. W. Barker.

11. Called on the committee on the ministry to report, who reported for Saturday—1st, Eld. G. L. Walker; 2nd, Eld. R. A. May; 3rd, Eld. E. O. Lilly; For Sunday—1st, Eld. C. N. Tilson; 2nd, Eld. J. R. Wilson; 3rd, Eld. E. O. Lilly; 4th. Eld. Ed Davis. Report received and the brethren discharged.

12. Appointed the clerk treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes; to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. Called on the committee on finance to report, who reported:

Received from all the churches		$89.10
Allowed the Moderator	$ 5.00	
Allowed the Clerk	5.00	
Left in hands of the Moderator and Clerk to use as they see fit	36.45	
Left in hands of the Clerk for printing Minutes and other expenses	42.65	
Totals	$89.10	$89.10

14. To read the Minute. Minute read, corrected and received.

15. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His mercies, and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kindness to us during this association.

We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator
J. F. HARTZOG, Clerk
F. T. MILLER, Assistant Clerk

Preaching Sunday

1. Elder C. N. Tilson	Text, Ruth 2 : 9
2. Elder J. R. Wilson	Did not get the text
3. Elder E. O. Lilly	No special text
4. Elder E. Davis	Text, St. John 5 : 25

This closes another harmonious session of the Senter Association. CLERK.

OBITUARIES

MARY A. HARTZOG

Mary Ann, daughter of Elder Jacob Faw and Mary Faw, was born in Ashe county, North Carolina, August 19, 1834. departed this life at Bluefield, W. Va., August 9, 1929, making her stay on earth 94 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Oldfields and was baptized by her father January 30, 1848.

She was married to Center Jones December, 1854, who died while serving in the War Between the States at Cumberland Gap in the year 1864. To this union four children were born, two of whom survive—Mrs. A. J. Long of Bluefield, W. Va., and Dr H. C. Jones of Logan, W. Va. Two sons preceded her to the Great Beyond—Columbus who died when small, and Dr. A. F. Jones who died at Bluff City, Tenn., several years ago.

In Febrnary, 1879, she married David W. Hartzog, who died April 7, 1900. By this union she has two step-sons and four step-daughters who survive.

Thus setting an example to her now third generation that there is pleasure in obeying dear Jesus. When the church at Oldfields went out, or went off, to the Union Baptist, in about the year 1868, she joined the Primitive Baptist church at Beaver Creek. In the year 1998 she took her letter from Beaver Creek and was one of the constituting members of River View church, April 2, 1898, and held her membership there in honor to the church, always filling her seat unless providentially hindered. And after she was 85 years of age she would walk three and a half miles over rough and hilly road to attend her church meeting.

She was granted a letter of dismission from River View church with her daughter, and grand-daughter Alvirda Long, the third Saturday in June, 1925, and was in the constitution of Bluefield Primitive Baptist church of Bluefield, West Virginia.

She enjoyed remarkably good health and at the age of 94 years she attended communion meeting on her birthday.

She lived a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church more than eighty-one years. She passed away so quietly that one who watched over her dying bedside said, "If that is death, I am not afraid of it."

Funeral services were conducted by Elder S. J. Priddy at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Long, and her body laid to rest in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Bluefield, West Virginia.

Written by her step-son, J. F. HARTZOG.

JOHN WESLEY ATWOOD

John Wesley Atwood was born in Alleghany county, N. C., October 28, 1860, departed this life December 21, 1929, making his stay on earth sixty-nine years, one month and twenty-three days.

He was married to Miss Mary Ann Caudill December 27, 1880. To this union no children were born. He professed a hope in Christ September, 1883, joined the church of Christ, the Primitive faith, at Roans Creek on the fourth Sunday in October, 1884, and was baptized into the fellowship of the church on the fourth Sundav in July, 1885, by Elders James Shumate and Adam Wagoner. He lived a faithful member of said church, always filling his seat when possible till death claimed him. He was also a deacon of the church. During his sick-

ness he never complained, but bore his sickness patiently to the end. The memorial services were conducted by Elder Ben Caudill and his body was laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Our acquaintance with him was that his life was a great blessing to his country, his neighbors and connections, a faithful husband and companion. To know him was to love him. His chaste, walk and conversation was of a Godly man leaving an example on earth worthy the imitation of all faithful believers in Christ. We do not mourn for him as those who have no hope, but say, Dear Brother and Husband, sleep on! It will not be long till there will be a great reunion in that sweet by and by.

He leaves two brothers and six sisters, a faithful and loving companion and a host of connection and friends to mourn their loss.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from the Mountain Association,Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in convention, with the Senter Church. 21st October,1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any Church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches of any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every querry, first being debated in the church and then presented in the association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be with-

drawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expense of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accoutable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of the Churches to endeavor to preserve a chain of Communion amongst the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any Church fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those moneys contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

Ordained Elders and Their Post Offices

Elder F. E. Thompson	Nathans Creek, North Carolina
Elder Ed Davis	Whitetop, Virginia
Elder J. A. Cave	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder B. H. Blevins	Troutdale, Virginia
Elder G. W. Barker	Lansing, North Carolina
Elder Wiley Carter	Whitetop, Virginia
Elder G D. Roten	Clifton, North Carolina

Licentiates and Their Post Offices

David Sullivan	Husk, North Carolina

Distribution of Minutes to the Churches

Church	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
Senter	J. L. Wyrick	Crumpler, N. C	75
Roans Creek	F. T Miller	Wagoner, N. C	30
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	25
River View	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C	50
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt	Jefferson, N. C	25
North Fork	F. M. Miller	Clifton, N. C	55
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall	Lansing, N. C	15
Pond Mountain	J. H. Eldreth	Whitetop, Va , R. 2	75
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets	Lansing, N. C	50
Big Helton	J. Perry	Whitetop, Va.	85
Silas Creek	Amanda Kilby	Lansing, N. C	20
Troutdale	John W. Sanders	Troutdale, Va	50
Reddies River	P. H Whittington	Wilbar, N. C	50

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Association	Clerk	Post Office	No. Min.
St. Clairs Bottom	J. A. Blevins	Chilhowie, Va	40
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va	60
Silver Creek	C. L. McGee	Boomer, N. C	25
Indian Creek	F. L. Akers	Ellison, W. Va	60
New River	J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va	55
Fishers River	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C	50
Washington	J. J. Counts	Cleveland, Va	45
Ebenezer	O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va	30
Tenn. & Nolachucky	Z. R. Williams	Cosby, Tenn	30

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Churches	Names of Messengers and Pastors	Church Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dismis.by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No.in Fellowship	Contributions
Senter	J. L. Wyrick, Felix Bare, F. E. Thompson. Pastor, Eld. F.E. Thompson	2	1						1		109	$13.15
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller, W. D. Lyall, S. J. Dancy. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	4			6				1	3	44	6.15
Bear Creek	S. J. Miller, Geo. Severt, Garvy Barnes. Pastor, Eld. F.E. Thompson	1						1		1	35	2.50
River View	J. F. Hartzog. A.B. Miller, T.E. Hartzog. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	3			2						30	10.00
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt, P. T. McNeill, R.P. McNeill. Pastor, Eld. F.E. Thompson	4								1	28	2.00
North Fork	G. D. Roten, James Weaver, Avery Johnson. Pastor, Eld. G.W. Barker	1	1		1			1		1	39	23.10
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets. Pastor, Eld. G. W. Barker	4		1					1	1	36	5.00
Pleasant Grove	Letter. Pastor, Eld. G. D. Roten	3						1		1	20	.50
Silas Creek	Not represented											
Pond Mountain	Ed Davis, T. H. Eldreth. Pastor, Eld. Ed Davis	2	1		5					1	86	8.00
Big Helton	W. C. Carter, G. E. Kilby, J. M. Davis. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, W. G. Barker and W. C. Carter	3	3		3		2			6	94	10.45
Troutdale	B. H. Blevins, W. M. Anderson, J. W. Sanders. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	3	1					1	2	2	44	3.25
Reddies River	P. H. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, N. C. Snyder. Pastors, Elds. S. G. Caudill and R. A. May	2			2				1	3	57	5.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Big Helton

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

September 11, 12 and 13, 1931

OFFICERS

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON ......Moderator
Nathans Creek, North Carolina

J. F. HARTZOG .... Clerk
Idlewild, North Carolina

F. T. MILLER ....Assistant Clerk
Wagoner, North Carolina

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 11, 1931

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. Edd Davis› Text, Hebrews 6 : 17.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. S. P. Roberts, a visitor from the Mountain Association.

1. On motion read and received letters from all our churches except Beaver Creek and Bear Creek, and seated the messengers for the transaction of business.

2. Organized the Association by appointing Eld. F. E. Thompson, moderator and J. F. Hartzog, clerk and F. T. Miller assistant clerk

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations when the following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

St. Clairs Bottom, Brethren J. A. Bartley and H. P. Sheets and Minutes. Indian Creek Eld. E. O. Lilly. Silver Creek, Eld. R. A. May, Bro. C. L. McGee and Minutes. Kehukee, Minutes. Tennessee and Nolachucky Consolidated, Minutes. Fishers River, Minutes. Ketocton, Minutes. Ebenezer, Minutes. Washington, Minutes. Mountain, Minutes.

5. Called for transient or visiting Brethren. The following came forward and were seated:

St. Clairs Bottom, Elds. H. M. Blevins and H. T. Barker› Brethren J. L. Miller and S. McClure. Mountain, Elds. S. A. Greer, S. P. Roberts and C. L. Roberts. Silver Creek, Brother F. M. Greene. Senter, Brethren G. A. Miller, W. D. Lyall and J. Perry.

6 For the moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session.

7. Appointed a committee on the ministry as follows: Brethren G. A. Miller, Felix Bare and John Sanders, with the messengers of this church.

8. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Brethren F. T. Miller, J. H. Eldreth and T. E. Hartzog.

9. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elds. Edd Davis, G. W. Barker, W. C. Carter, Brethren J. M. Weaver and F. L. Colvard, with the Moderator and Clerk. Correspondents and transients were invited to sit with them.

10. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows:
Brethren J. M. Davis, G. E. Kilby and C. N. Davis.

11. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Bro. J. Perrys.

12. Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.
Prayer by Eld. E. O. Lilly.

Saturday, September 12, 1931

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. H. T. Barker a visitor from the St. Clairs Bottom Association.

1. On motion for the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and the brethren discharged.

2. Called the roll and erased absentees.

3. To waive reading the constitution and rules of decorum at this session.

4. Called on correspondents that were appointed last year to visit sister associations to report. Report received and the brethren discharged.

5. Called on the committee that was appointed to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who reported as follows: Mountain, Elds. Edd Davis, F. E. Thompson and Bro. C. N. Davis. Silver Creek, Bro. F. L. Colvard. Indian Creek, Elds. Edd Davis and F. E. Thompson. St. Clairs Bottom, Elds. F. E. Thompson and B. H. Blevins. Report received and the committee discharged.

6. To waive having the constitution and rules of decorum printed in these minutes.

7. Appointed Eld. W. C. Carter to visit Beaver Creek church and Eld. F. E. Thompson to visit Bear Creek church and know the cause why they were not represented in the association.

8. That the next session of the association be held with the church at Horse Creek 17 miles northwest of Jefferson, N.C. to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1932.

9. For the committee on finance to report, who reported:

Received from all the churches.		$55.31
Allowed the Moderator...............	$5.00	
Allowed the Clerk.......................	$5.00	
Left in the hands of the treasury for printing Minutes and other expenses.....................	$45.31	
Total	$55.31	$55.31

10. Called on the committee on preaching to report, who reported for Saturday—1st, Eld. S. P. Roberts; 2nd, Eld. E. O. Lilly;

3rd Eld. H. M. Blevins; 4th, Eld. S. A. Greer. For Sunday—1st, Eld. R. A. May; 2nd, Eld. H. M. Blevins; 3rd, Eld. E. O. Lilly; 4th, Eld. Edd Davis, the Moderator, to close.

11. Called on the committee that was appointed last year to visit Silas Creek church to report, who reported satisfactorily and were discharged.

12. Appointed the Clerk treasurer and to superintend printing of the Minutes; to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. To read the Minutes. Minutes read and received.

14. Resolved: That we return thanks to God for His mercies, and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session.

We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting.

Prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator'
J. F. HARTZOG, Clerk
F. T. Miller, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY—	**1. Eld. C. L. Roberts.**	
	2. Eld H. T. Barker.	
SATURDAY —	**1. Eld S. P. Roberts**	**Did not get the text**
	2. Eld. E. O. Lilly	**Did not get the text**
	3. Eld. H. M. Blevins	**Text, Thessalonians 4 : 14**
	4. Eld. S. A- Greer	**No special text**
SUNDAY—	**1. Eld. R. A. May**	**Text, St. John 3 : 16**
	2. Eld. H. M. Blevins	**Text, Hebrews 13 : 8**
	3. Eld. E. O. Lilly	**Text, Galatians 1 : 12**
	4. Eld. Edd Davis	**No special text**

The Moderator closed.

This closes another lovely session of the Senter Association.

CLERK

Ordained Elders and Their Post Offices

Elder F. E. Thompson	**Nathans Creek, North Carolina**
Elder Edd Davis	**Whitetop, Virginia**
Elder J. A. Cave	**Troutdale, Virginia**
Elder B H. Blevins	**Troutdale, Virginia**
Elder G. W. Barker	**Lansing, North Carolina**
Elder Wiley Carter	**Whitetop, Virginia**
Elder G. D. Roten	**Clifton, North Carolina**

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David Sullivan .... **Husk, North Carolina**

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Senter	J. L. Wyrick	Crumpler, N. C.	75
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River View	J. F. Hartzog	Idlewild, N. C.	50
Beaver Creek	E. D. Severt	Jefferson, N. C.	25
North Fork	F. M. Miller	Clifton, N. C.	55
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall	Lansing, N. C.	15
Pond Mountain	J. H. Eldreth	Whitetop, Va. R. 2	75
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets	Lansing, N. C	50
Big Helton	J. Perry	Whitetop, Va.	80
Silas Creek	Mary May	Brandon, N. C	20
Troutdale	John W. Sanders	Troutdale, Va	45
Reddies River	P. H. Whittington	Wilbar, N. C.	25

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

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St. Clairs Bottom	J. A. Blevins	Chilhowie, Va	30
Mountain	J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	50
Silver Creek	C. L. McGee	Boomer, N.C	20
IndianCreek	F. L. Akers	Ellison, W. Va	60
New River	J M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va	55
Fishers River	G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	50
Washington	J J. Counts	Cleveland, Va.	45
Ebenezer	O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va	30
Tenn.& Nolachucky	Z. R. Williams	Cosby, Tenn.	30
Kehukee	B. S. Cowin	Williamston, N. C.	40
Ketocton	C. W. Miller	Rosslyn, Va Box 86	30

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Senter	F. E. Thompson, F. L. Colvard, Felix Bare, Pastor Eld. F. E. Thompson	2	1	.	1	.	.	–	–	–	110	$ 5.50
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller, Patsor Eld. F. E. Thompson	4	.	.	2	.	.	2	–	2	42	4.00
Bear Creek	Not Represented	.	.	.	.	.	.	–	–	–	...	......
River View	J. F. Hartzog, T. E. Hartzog, Wiley Burgess, P. Eld F. E. Thompson	3	.	.	2	.	1	–	–	–	33	5.00
Beaver Creek	Not Represented	.	.	.	.	.	.	–	–	–	...	......
North Fork	James Weaver, W. A. Johnson, Pastors Elds. G. W. Barker, G. D. Roten	1	1	.	2	.	.	–	–	1	40	12.50
Horse Creek	A. C. Sheets, David Sullivan, Steve Perry, Pastors Elds. W. C. Carter G. W. Barker and G. D. Roten	4	.	1	.	.	.	–	–	–	56	4.00
Pleasant Grove	J. J. Lyall, Pastors None	3	.	.	.	.	.	–	–	–	20	.80
Silas Creek	Amanda Kilby, Mary May, Margret Frances, Pastor Eld. G. W. Barker	2	.	.	.	.	.	–	–	–	14	1.00
Pond Mountain	Edd Davis, J. H. Eldreth, L. W. Darnel, Pastor Eld. Edd Davis	2	1	.	.	.	.	–	1	–	81	5.25
Big Helton	W. C. Carter, G. E. Kilby, J. M. Davis, Pastors, Eld. W. C. Carter, Ed Davis and G. W. Barker	3	3	.	7	1	.	–	–	–	102	12.81
Troutdale	J. W. Sanders, Pastor Eld. B. H. Blevins	3	1	.	1	.	.	–	–	–	45	2.45
Reddies River	P. H. Whittington, Gather Vannoy B. F. Whittington, Pastors Elds. S. G. Caudill and R. A. May	2	.	.	.	.	.	–	–	1	56	2.00
	Totals		7	1	15	1	1	2	1	4	599	$55.31

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Minutes

OF THE

EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH
THE CHURCH AT ROANS CREEK
ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1933

OFFICERS

ELDER F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator
Nathans Creek, N. C.
F. T. MILLER, Clerk, Wagoner, N. C.
J. F. HARTZOG, Assistant Clerk, Idlewild, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday, September 8, 1933

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory sermon was delivered by Lowell Lilly, a correspondent from Indian Creek Association, text, St. John, 1-1.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder C. R. Dancy, a visitor from St. Clair's Bottom Association.

1. On motion, read and received letters from all our churches except Beaver Creek and Silas Creek. The messengers were seated for transaction of business.

2. Organized the association by electing Elder F. E. Thompson moderator and Bro. F. T. Miller clerk, who called to his assistance Bro. J. F. Hartzog.

3. Called for petitionary letters and received one from Cranberry church, with delegates—upon confession, was fully restored.

4. Called for correspondents from sister associations. When the following came forward and were seated and aided in council: St. Clair's Bottom, Elder C. N. Tilson, Bro. T. L. Miller, Z. V. Henderson, and minutes. Indian Creek, Elders E. O. Lilly and Lowell Lilly. Mountain, Elders. C. B. Kilby and S. G. Caudill, Bro. V. W. Reeves, T. A. Fender. Silver Creek, Elders. A. L. Presnell, R. A. May, Bro. C. L. McGee. Moved and seconded that the correspondents from Silver Creek be referred to committee of arrangements.

6. Called for transient or visiting bretheren; the following came forward and were seated: St. Clair's Bottom, Bro. J. A. Bartley, Eld. C. R. Dancy; Indian Creek, Eld. I. W. Kilby, Bro. M. L. Canady; Sisters, E. O. Lilly, Lowell Lilly and M. L. Canady. Mountain, Bro. J. M. Ward, Elders C. L. and G. C. Roberts. Senter, Bro. G. A. Miller, F. L. Colvard, W. M. Pennington.

7. For moderator, to make all temporary appointments: Appointed Elders G. C. Roberts and C. R. Dancy to preach at stand today.

8. Appointed a committee on the Ministry as follows: Eld. B. H. Blevins, Bro. Hamp Davis, Felix Bare, with messengers of this church.

9. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bro. G. E. Kilby, J. H. Eldreth and T. E. Hartzog.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Eld. Ed Davis, Bros. James Weaver, J. F. Hartzog, J. L. Wyrick and T. F. Vannoy, with Moderator and Clerk. Correspondents and transients invited to sit with them.

11. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elder Worth Davis, Bro. F. O. Thompson. M. B. Taylor.

12. For the committee on arrangements to sit at Bro. F. T. Miller's.

13. To adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder B. H. Blevins.

Saturday, September 9, 1933

The association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder E. O. Lilly, correspondent from Indian Creek association.

1. On motion, for committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and erased absentees.

3. Read the constitution and rules of decorum.

4. Called on correspondents that were appointed to sister associations to report, who reported and were discharged.

5. Called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report, who reported as follows: St. Clair's Bottom, Elders F. E. Thompson, Worth W. Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller. Mountain, Elder Ed Davis, Bro. Hamp Davis and F. O. Thompson. Indian Creek, Elders Ed Davis, F. E. Thompson, Worth Davis. Report received and bretheren discharged.

6. To correspond with New River, Fishers River, Washington, Ebenezer, Tenneessee and Nolachucky consolidated, Kehukee, Silver Creek, Ketockton, by minutes.

7. To have the constitution and rules of decorum printed in these minutes.

8. Called on committee on preaching to report, who reports for Saturday. 1, Eld. I. W. Kilby, 2, C. L. Roberts, 3, C. N. Tilson, 4, E. O. Lilly. For Sunday, 1, Lowell Lilly, 2, C. B. Kilby, 3, S. G. Caudill, 4, E. O. Lilly.

9. That Elder Ed Davis and Bro. G. A. Miller visit Beaver Creek church and know the cause why they failed to represent in the association.

10. Called on committee on finance to report, who reported as follows:

Received from all churches	$60.68
Allowed Moderator	5.00
Allowed Clerk	5.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	30.00
Allowed for new association book	5.00
Left in hands of treasurer for correspondents	15.68
TOTAL	$60.68

11. Grant a letter of dismission to Troutdale church from this association.

12. That the next session of Association be held with Pond Mountain church, 18 miles north of Jefferson, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1934.

13. Appointed clerk, treasurer and to superintend the printing of the miutes, to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

14. That we have the obituaries of Sister Lela Brooks and Elder G. W. Barker printed in these minutes.

15. Whereas, there has some of our churches taken action in the Eld. Wilson matter, and, in order to stand by our constitu-

tional right, we will have to refrain correspondence with Silver Creek association at present.

16. Minute read and received.

17. Resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the bretheren and sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality to us during this session. We now adjourn to the time and place of our next meeting. Prayer by the moderator.

ELD. F. E. THOMPSON, Moderator,
F. T. MILLER, Clerk,
J. F. HARTZOG, Assistant Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday: Eld. G. C. Roberts, Eld. C. R. Dancy.

Saturday: Eld. I. W. Kilby, Eld. C. L. Roberts, Eld. C. N. Tilson, Eld. E. O. Lilly.

Sunday: Lowell Lilly, no special text, Eld. C. B. Kilby, text Psalm 96-1, Eld. S. G. Caudill, no special text, Eld. E. O. Lilly, no special text.

This closes another session of the Senter Association.

CLERK.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder F. E. Thompson	Nathans Creek, N. C.
Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder B. H. Blevins	Troutdale, Va.
Elder G. D. Roten	Clifton, N. C.
Elder Wiley Carter	Whitetop, Va.
Elder Worth Davis	Whitetop, Va.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Brian Davis	Lansing, N. C.
Blair Kilby	Sturgills, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

Church and Clerk	Post Office	No. Minutes
SENTER, J. L. Wyrick	Crumpler, N. C.	70
ROANS CREEK, F. T. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	50
BEAR CREEK, S. J. Miller	Wagoner, N. C.	25
RIVERVIEW, J. F. HARTZOG	Idlewild, N. C.	25
BEAVER CREEK, E. D. Severt	Jefferson, N. C.	20
NORTH FORK, F. M. Miller	Clifton, N. C.	50
PLEASANT GROVE, J. J. Lyall	Lansing, N. C.	15
POND MOUNTAIN, J. H. Eldreth	Tuckerdale, N. C.	75
HORSE CREEK, A. C. Sheets	Lansing, N. C.	45
BIG HELTON, G. E. Kilby	Sturgills, N. C.	80
SILAS CREEK, Mary May	Brandon, N. C.	20
TROUTDALE, W. M. Anderson	Troutdale, Va.	40
REDDIES RIVER, P. H. Whittington	Wilbar, N. C.	25
CRANBERRY, M. B. Taylor	Sparta, N. C.	20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and Clerk	Post Office	No. Minutes
ST. CLAIR'S BOTTOM, C. N. Tilson	Chilhowie, Va.	30
MOUNTAIN, J. M. Rector	Baywood, Va.	50
SILVER CREEK, C. L. McGee	Boomer, N. C.	20
INDIAN CREEK, F. L. Akers	Elison, W. Va.	60
NEW RIVER, J. M. Dickerson	Floyd, Va.	60
FISHERS RIVER, G. J. Key	Ararat, N. C.	50
WASHINGTON, J. J. Counts	Cleveland, Va.	40
EBENEZER, O. F. Carpenter	Brightwood, Va.	30
TENN. and Nolachucky, Z. R. Williams	Cosby, Tenn.	30
KEHUKEE, B. S. Cowin	Williamsston, N. C.	40
KETOCKTON, C. W. Miller	Rosslyn, Va., Box 86	30

OBITUARIES

George Washington Barker

George Washington Barker was born October 26, 1868 and died January 27, 1933, being 64 years 3 months and one day old. He was married to Mamie Jones June 9, 1899. To this union was born nine children, seven sons and two daughters. He professed a hope in Christ early in life. He joined Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church and with his wife was baptised by Elders C. B. Kilby and Ed Davis, Sept. 17, 1922. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry the third Saturday in March, 1926. He was a strong believer in salvation by grace and lived faithfully until the end.

Lela Narcesia Long

Lela Narcesia Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Long, born August 8, 1876, died January 13, 1933, age 57 years, 5 months and 5 days. Married to Harley A. Brooks of Billings, Mont., where they lived a devoted couple until death separated them. She is survived by her husband, mother and five sisters: Mary A, Queenie and Joncie all of Bluefield, W. Va., Mrs. J. L. Phillips of Indiana and Mrs. G. W. Stewart of Bluefield, W. Va. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Beaver Creek, N. C. and was baptized by Elder C. C. Davis in 1890. She was an exceptionally spiritual-minded woman, prayed a great deal and at times sang God's praises aloud. She always attended church when she lived near enough. Where she lived in Montana there was no church and she felt the loss keenly. She was a charter member of River View where her membership remained until her death.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from the Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1953, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be goverened and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall by admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expense of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly his for trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of the Churches to endeavor to preserve a chain of Communion amongst the Churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS AND PASTORS	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contributions
SENTER	F. E. Thompson, Felix Bare, J. L. Wyrick. Pastors, Elds. F. E. Thompson, B. H. Blevins	2	1		1		1	109	$ 6.73
ROANS CREEK	F. T. Miller, G. F. Thompson, F. O. Thompson. Pastors, Elds. F. E. Thompson and Ed Davis	4					2	40	4.55
BEAR CREEK	S. J. Miller, Geo. Caudill. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	1					1	37	1.35
RIVER VIEW	T. E. Hartzog, T. F. Vannoy, J. F. Hartzog. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	3					1	33	6.00
BEAVER CREEK	Not Represented								
NORTH FORK	Avery Johnson, James Weaver. Pastors, Elds. G. T. Roten and W. C. Carter	1	1					41	11.55
HORSE CREEK	A. C. Sheets, Carl Ball, Stephen Perry. Pastors, Elds. W. C. Carter, G. D. Roten	4						51	3.00
PLEAS'T. GROVE	J. J. Lyall, Brian Davis. Pastor, G. D. Roten	2		1				20	1.25
SILAS CREEK	Represented by Eld. Ed Davis	2						14	1.00
‡POND MTN.	Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth, Gray Farmer. Pastor, Eld. E. Davis	1	1		2		1	80	5.20
BIG HELTON	Worth Davis, Hamp Davis, G. E. Kilby. Pastors, Elds. Ed Davis, W. C. Carter, Worth Davis	3	2	1		2	5	89	12.50
†TROUTDALE	B. H. Blevins, W. M. Anderson, Chas. Cave. Pastor, Eld. B. H. Blevins	3	1	1	4	1		50	3.55
REDDIES RIVER	P. H. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, N. G. Snyder. Pastors, Elds. R. A. May and F. E. Thompson	1			3	3	1	54	4.00
CRANBERRY	M. B. Taylor, Rob Gambill. Pastor, Eld. F. E. Thompson	3							

‡Restored: Pond Mountain, 1.

†Received by Letter: Troutdale, 1.

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,
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OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator -------Tuckerdale, N. C.
F. T. MILLER, Clerk -----------------Wagoner, N. C.

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1938

The association met persuant to adjournment of last year. The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis, moderator of the Senter association. Text: Eph. 1-1.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer By Elder W. H. Cave, visitor from St. Clair's Bottom association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except Silas Creek, Pleasant Grove, Beaver Creek, Cranberry.

2nd. On motion, organized the association by electing Elder Ed Davis moderator and F. T. Miller clerk.

3rd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council: St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. R. Dancy; Bros. J. L. Miller and J. G. Perry; Mountain—Elders C. B. Kilby, S. G. Caudill and Bro. J. M. Rector; Indian Creek—Eldrer E. O. Lilly; Roaring River—Bro. J. A. Miller.

5th. On motion, called for transient or visiting brethren. The following came forward and were seated: St. Clair's Bottom, Elder W. H. Cave and Bro. C. L. Davsi; Mountain, Bros. Hiram Edwards, C. J. Edwards, T. A. Fender, A. M. Edwards, M. A. Higgins, Wm. Richardson, V. W. Reeves, J. M. Wagoner; Roaring River, Elder E. A. Long; Powers Valley; L. S. Saylor.

6th. On motion, for moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session who appointed to stand today Elder W. H. Cave and Elder S. G. Caudill.

7th. On motion, appointed a committee on ministry composed of one messenger from each church.

8th. On motion, appointed a finance committee as follows: J. F. Hartzog, Felix Bare, F. O. Thompson.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elders Ed Ham, G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis, W. C. Carter and Bro. S. J. Miller, with moderator and clerk. Transient and visiting brethren to sit with them.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspendents to sister associations as follows: Bros. W. A. Johnson, Geo. Caudill and Elder W. W. Davis.

11th. On motion, for the committee on arrangements to sit at Bro. S. J. Miller's.

12th. On motion, that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1938

The association met persuant to adjournment of yesterday and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder G. D. Roten.

1st. On motion, called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and brethren discharged.

2nd. On motion, called roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading constitution and rules of decorum at this time.

4th. On motion, called on correspondents that were to go to sister association to report. Reports received and brethren discharged.

5th. On motion, called on committee who appointed correspondents to sister associations to report. The report was as follows: To Mountain—Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis, Bros. G. E. Kilby and F. T. Miller; to St. Clair's Bottom—Elders G. D. Roten, Ed Davis, Ed Ham and Bro. G. E. Kilby; to Indian Creek—Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller and W. A. Johnson; to Roaring River—Elders Ed Davis, W. C. Carter and Bro. F. T. Miller.

6th. On motion, that we correspond with New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Tenn., and Nola Chucky consolidated, Kehuke, Ketockton and Powers Valley associations, by minutes.

7th. On motion, that we send Elders Ed Davis and W. W. Davis to Upper Mayo association with application for correspondence.

8. On motion, that we have the constitution and rules of decorum printed in this minute.

9. On motion, called on committee on preaching to report, who reported as follows: For Saturday—1st, Elder C. B. Kilby; 2nd, Elder C. R. Dancy; 3rd, Elder L. S. Saylor. For Sunday—1st, Elder C. R. Dancy; 2nd, Elder L. S. Saylor; 3rd, Elder E. O. Lilly; 4th, Elder D. P. Broadway.

10th. On motion, that the next session of this association be held at Big Helton church about 12 miles north of Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in Sept., 1939.

11th. On motion, that we bear with the churches who failed to represent, another year and that the preaching brethren visit them, and make report to next association.

12. On motion, that we have the obituary of Bro. Daniel Miller printed in this minute. (Unfortunately, however, obituary was not received for publication.)

13. On motion, called on finance committee to report, who reported as follows:

Received from all churches	$53.70
In hand of treasurer	12.00
	$65.70

Allowed moderator	$ 5.00
Allowed clerk	5.00
Allowed for printing min. and postage	30.00
Allowed for correspondents	25.70
	$65.70

14. On motion, that we appoint F. T. Miller as treasurer and to superintend the printing of the minutes—to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

15. On motion, minutes read, and received.

16. On motion, resolved that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the brethren and sisters and kind friends for their hospitality to us during this session. We now adjourn until the time of our next meeting. Prayer by moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator,
F. T. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Saturday: 1st, Elder C. B. Kilby (did not get text); 2nd, Elder C. R. Dancy—Text, Luke 18-10; 3rd, L. S. Saylor, text, "Lay up treasures in heaven."

For Sunday—1st, Elder C. R. Dancy; 2nd, Elder L. S. Saylor, text, St. John 1-29; 3rd, Elder E. O. Lilly, text, Tim. 4-1; 4th, Elder D. P. Broadway (no special text).

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POSTOFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder W. C. Carter	Whitetop, Va.
Elder W. W. Davis	Galax, Va.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Ed Ham	Whitetop, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number Minutes	**Clerks and Postoffices**
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roan's Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	E. D. Severt, Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	F. M. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—15	Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Pond Mountain—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	G. E. Kilby, Sturgills, N. C.
Silas Creek—20	C. N. Davis, Lansing, N. C.
Cranberry—20	M. B. Taylor, Sparta, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clair's Bottom—30	C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Baywood. Va.
Indian Creek—60	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—60	J. M. Dickerson, Floyd, Va.
Fisher's River—50	G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	G. B. Sutherland, Hayti, Va.
Tenn. Nolachucky con.—30	Z. R. Williams, Crosby, Tenn.
Kehukee—40	B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketockton—30	C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—30	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powers Valley—30	L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.

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13. That any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Montain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the Churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New Churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every Church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the Churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the Church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the Churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

19. The Association may correspondent with Sister Associations.

20. To invite any distant brother in the ministry of our Faith and Order to a seat in the Association who may be present at the time of their sitting.

21. The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think proper.

AN ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

First: We believe in one only true and living God—Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Second: We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Third: We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

Fourth: We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

Fifth: We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit and that all who are thus regenerated, and born again, by the Spirit of God, shall never fall finally away.

Sixth: We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Sixth: We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinance of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

Eighth: We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general enjoyment and the joys of the righteous, and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Ninth: We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except as are regularly called and come under the impressions of the hands by Presbytery, etc.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sun. of Meeting	Ordained Min.	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—Felix Bare, J. A. Reeves, Rex Jones; Pastors: Ed Davis, W. W. Davis, G. D. Roten	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	73	$ 7.25
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, W. J. Poe, F. O. Thompson; Pastors: Elders Ed Davis and W. W. Davis	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	41	5.00
BEAR CREEK—Geo. Caudill, S. J. Miller, Callie Severt; Pastors: Elder W. W. Davis	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	36	1.25
BEAVER CREEK—Not represented.											
RIVERVIEW—J. F. Hartzog, W. M. L. Miller, J. C. McNeill; Pastors: Elder W. W. Davis	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	31	5.25
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, J. M. Weaver, W. A. Johnson; Pastor: Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	14.50
PLEASANT GROVE—Not represented.											
POND MOUNTAIN—Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis; Pastor: Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	5.00
HORSE CREEK—Elder W. C. Carter; Pastors: Elders W. C. Carter, G. D. Roten	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	2.00
BIG HELTON—W. W. Davis, Ed Ham, G. E. Kilby; Pastors: Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis, Ed Ham, Blair Kilby	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	81	13.70
SILAS CREEK—Not represented.											
CRANBERRY—Not represented.											

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MINUTES

Of The

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

Held With
THE CHURCH AT HORSE CREEK
Ashe County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
September 6, 7, 8, 1940

OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator--------Tuckerdale, N. C.
F. T. MILLER, Clerk --------------------Wagoner, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1940

The Association met persuant to adjournment of last year.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten, messenger of Senter Association, Text—Exo. 12-49.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder E. O. Lilly, correspondent from Indian Creek Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches, except Silas Creek, Pleasant Grove and Beaver Creek.

2nd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, Moderator, and F. T. Miller, Clerk.

3rd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received one from South Fork Church.

4th. On motion, that we restore South Fork church back into Senter Association.

5th. On motion, called for correspondents from Sister Associations. The following come forward and were seated and aided in council: from St. Clair's Bottom, Elder H. M. Blevins; Mountain, Elder C. B. Kilby; Indian Creek, Elders E. O. Lilly and J. R. Foley; Fishes River, Elder F. P. Stone, Bros. G. T. Jones and H. L. Badgett.

6th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren. The following came forward and were seated: from St. Clair's Bottom, Brother J. A. Bartley; Mountain, Brothers T. A. Fender and M. G. Paisley; Indian Creek, Elder I. W. Kilby and Brother Lacy Lilly; Buffalo River, Elder J. A. Burchum; Fishes River, Brother T. M. Simpson; Mountain Association, Ky., C. H. Davis.

7th. On motion, for Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session, who appointed to stand today Elders I. W. Kilby and J. A. Burchum.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on ministry, composed of one member from each church.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on Finance as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, J. F. Hartzog and G. E. Kilby.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elder G. D. Roten, Brothers G. A. Miller and Felix Bare, with Moderator and Clerk to sit with them, also transient and visiting brethren.

11th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations, as follows: G. D. Roten, G. E. Kilby and W. W. Miller.

12th. On motion, that the committee on arrangements to sit at Sister J. W. Hampton's.

13th. On motion, that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1940

The Association met persuant to adjournment of yesterday, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Burchum, visitor from Buffalo River Association.

1st. On motion, called on committee on arrangements to report. Report was received and committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion, called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations. They reported as follows: To Mountain, Elder Ed Davis; St. Clair's Bottom, Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis, and Brother G. E. Kilby; Indian Creek. Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and Brother G. E. Kilby; Fishs River. Elders W. W. Davis, G. D. Roten. and Brother F .T. Miller; Upper Mayo. Elders G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis and Brother F. T. Miller; Abbots Creek, Elders G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis and Brother G. E. Kilby; Roaring River, Elders W. W. Davis and G. D. Roten, and Brothers F. T. Miller, W. W. Miller.

5th. On motion, called on correspondents that were to go to Sister Associations to report. Reports were received and those failing to go excused.

6th. On motion, that we correspond with New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Tenn., Nola-Chucky Con., Kehukee, Ketockton and Powers Valley Associations by Minutes.

7th. On motion that we omit having the constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

8th. On motion, called on committee on preaching to report . They reported, for Saturday—1st, Elder C. B. Kilby; 2nd, Elder E. O. Lilly; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone; 4th, Elder J. R. Foley. For Sunday1st ,Elder H. M. Blevins; 2nd. Elder J. A. Burchum; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone; 4th, Elder J. R. Foley and Moderator to close.

9th. On motion, that the next session of this Association be held with the Pond Mountain church, to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1941, with Elder Ed Davis to preach the introductory sermon. This church is 17 miles north of Jefferson, N. C., and 4 miles north of Tuckerdale, N. C.

10th. On motion, that we bear with Sister churches who failed to represent and that the preaching brethren who do not have a church to care for every Sunday, visit these churches.

11th. That we have one obituary of Margaret Osborne printed in these Minutes.

12th. On motion, called on finance committee to report, who reported as follows:

Received from all churches	$68.00
Allowed Moderator	5.00
Allowed Clerk	5.00
Allowed Printing Minutes and Postage	30.00
Allowed Correspondents	28.00
Total to be paid out	$68.00
Received from members and friends for correspondents and visiting preachers	18.60
Total in all received	$86.60

13th. On motion, that we appoint Clerk-Treasurer to superintend the printing of Minutes and to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

14th. On motion, Minutes read and received.

15th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for his mercies and to the brethren and sisters and kind friends for their hospitality during this session.

We now adjourn until the time of our next meeting.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator,
F. T. Miller, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Saturday—1st, Elder C. B. Kilby (did not get text); 2nd, Elder E. O. Lilly, Text, Titus 4-1; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone, no special text; 4th, Elder J. R. Foley, Text Heb. 10-1. For Sunday—1st. Elder H. M. Blevins. Text, "I am God and Change Not; 2nd, Elder J. A. Burchum—Text, "The Chosen Lady"; 3rd, Elder F. P. Stone—Text, "My Doctrine Shall Drop as Rain"; 4th, Elder J. R. Foley, Text, Gal. 4-19.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder W. W. Davis	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Ed Ham	Whitetop, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches & No. Min.	**Clerks and Postoffices**
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	E. D. Severt, Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—15	Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Pond Mountain—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.

Big Helton—80	G. E. Kilby, Sturgills, N. C.
Silas Creek—20	C. N. Davis, Lansing, N. C.
Cranberry—20	Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Scottville, N. C.
South Fork—20	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clairs Bottom—30	C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—60	J. M. Dickerson, Floyd. Va.
Fishes River—50	G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	G. B. Sutherland, Hayti, Va.
Tenn. Nolachucky, con.—30	Z. R. Williams, Crosby, Tenn
Kehukee—40	B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketockton—30	C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—30	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powers Valley—30	L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.

OBITUARY

Margaret Osborne was born April 30, 1860, and died January 24, 1939, making her stay on earth 78 years, 8 months and 24 days.

She was married to Jessie Osborne. To this union was born 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls, all living to mourn their loss.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist church at Horse Creek and lived a consistent member of same until God called her home. She bore her afflictions with patience and talked of a better home she was going to.

Mother dear how we miss you.
How we long to see your face,
But we know Jesus loved you
And prepared for you a Resting Place.

By a daughter, Nanie.

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SENTER—Felix Bare, J. A. Reeves, Rex Jones; Pastor W. W. Davis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	8 20
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, F. O. Thompson, W. J. Poe, Pastor W. W. Davis, Ed Davis	4	0	0	18	0	1	0	0	4	50	6 00
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt; Pastor W. W. Davis	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	1 00
RIVERVIEW—G. A. Miller, T. E. Hartzog, J. T. Hartzog, pastor W. W. Davis	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	5 00
NORTH FORK—G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller, J. M. Weaver, pastor, G. D. Roten	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	46	19 50
POND MT.—Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth, A. J. Davis, pastor, E. Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	5 00
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Arthur Eldreth, Lee Lambert, Pastor, G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	27	2 50
BIG HELTON—W. W. Davis, G. E. Kilby, Bob Blevins, Pastors, Ed Davis, Ed Hamm, Blair Kilby	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	83	20 75
CRANBERRY—M. B. Taylor	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1 00
SOUTH FORK—Kemper Douglas, pastor W. W. Davis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	

NOT REPRESENTED—Pleasant Grove, Beaver Creek, Silas Creek

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MINUTES

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EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT ROANS CREEK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 11, 12, 13, 1942

OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator -------- Tuckerdale, N. C.
G. E. KILBY, Clerk ------------------ Crumpler, N. C.

MINUTES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1942

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. E. O. Lilly, a correspondent from the Indian Creek Association.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by praise and prayer by Eld. G. D. Roten, a delegate from North Fork Church.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except Beaver Creek.

2nd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Eld. Ed Davis, Moderator and G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

3rd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from Sister Associations and the following came forward and were seated and aided in council: From St. Clair's Bottom, Eld. H. M. Blevins and Bros. J. G. Perry, Will Blackwell, Eld. C. R. Dancy, and Bro. H. P. Sheets; from the Mountain, Eld. S. P. Roberts and Bro. S. O. Gambill; from the Roaring River, Elds. Eli Long, C. D. Hall and Bros. J. A. Miller, W. I. Brown and Fasco Pruitt; from the Indian Creek, Elder E. O. Lilly and H. W. Morgan.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting Brethren. The following came forward and were seated: From the Mountain, Bros. Tom Fender, Eddie Hoppers, Tom Rector and J. R. Douglas; from the Indian Creek, Bros. Elbert Morgan and W. E. Weaver.

6th. On motion, for the Moderator to make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand today, Eld. S. P. Roberts. No special text.

7th. On motion, appointed a committee on the Ministry, composed of one member from each church represented: from Senter, Bro. John Reeves; North Fork, Bro. Jim Weaver; Horse Creek, Bro. Carl Ball; River View, Bro. J. F. Hartzog; Bear Creek, Bro. George Caudill; Cranberry, Eld. A. L. Pressnell; Big Helton, Bro. Cicero Spencer, with the delegates of Roans Creek church.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on Finance, as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, F. O. Thompson and Felix Bare.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on Arrangements, as follows: Elds. G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis, A. L. Presnell, Bros. J. F. Hartzog, F. T. Miller, with the Moderator and Clerk, transient and visiting Brethren to sit with them.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations as follows: Eld. G. D. Roten, Bros. Callie Severt and Carl Ball.

11th. On motion, that the committee on Arrangements sit at Bro. F. T. Miller's.

12th. On motion, that we adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1942

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Eld. C. D. Hall, a correspondent from the Roaring River Association.

1st. On motion, called on the committee of Arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion, that we receive the report of the correspondents that were appointed to Sister Associations and excuse those that failed to go.

5th. On motion, called on the committee that was to appoint correspondents to Sister Associations, to report. The report was as follows: To Mountain, Eld. Ed Davis, Bros. G. E. Kilby, F. T. Miller and Callie Severt; St. Clair's Bottom, Eld. G. D. Roten, Bros. F. T. Miller and Carl Ball; Indian Creek, Elds. Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller; Fishes River, Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, W. W. Davis, and Bro. F. T. Miller; Roaring River, Eld. Ed Davis and Bros. F. T. Miller, Callie Severt, Tom Severt and F. O. Thompson; Upper Mayo, Elds. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and Bros. F. T. Miller and G. E. Kilby; Abbotts Creek, Elds. Ed Davis and G. D. Roten.

6th. On motion, that we correspond with New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketockton, Kenukee and Powells Valley by Minutes.

7th. On motion, that we omit printing the Rules of Decorum and Constitution in these Minutes.

8th. On motion, called on the committee on Preaching to report. They reported for Saturday, 1st, Eld. E. A. Long; 2nd, Eld. H. W. Morgan; 3rd., Eld. H. M. Blevins; 4th., Eld. C. R. Dancy; for Sunday, 1st., Eld. S. P. Roberts; 2nd., Eld. C. D. Hall; Dinner was served, then 3rd., Eld. H. M. Blevins; 4th., Eld. E. O. Lilly, with Moderator to close.

9th. On motion, that the next session of the Senter Association be held with the church at Senter church, seven miles east of Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1943.

10th. On motion, that we bear with Beaver Creek for failing to represent in the Association.

11th. On motion, that the report of the Finance committee be received, which follows:

Received from all the churches	$96.45
Allowed the Moderator	5.00
Allowed the Clerk	5.00
Allowed for printing Minutes and postage	35.00
Allowed the correspondents	51.45
TOTAL	$96.45

Given at the stand on Sunday to Corresponding and visiting Elders, by Brethern, sisters and friends	$65.00

12. On motion, that we appoint the Clerk as treasurer and to superintend the printing of the Minutes, to have one thousand copies printed and distributed as usual.

13th. On motion, read the Minutes.

14th. On motion, that the Minutes just read, be received.

15th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the Brethren, Sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by the Moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator
G. E. KILBY, Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Saturday—1st., Eld. E. A. Long, text: 15th Chapter St. John 13-14; 2nd. Eld. H. W. Morgan. Did not get text; 3rd. Eld. H. M. Blevins, no special text; 4th. Eld. C. R. Dancy, text: 8th chapter Hebrews, 10th verse; for Sunday—1st. Eld. S. P. Roberts, text: 2nd chapter of II Timothy, 19th verse; 2nd., Eld. C. D. Hall, text: "I Speak the Truth In Christ Jesus, I Lie Not"; 3rd., Eld. H. M. Blevins, text: 7th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, 23rd verse; 4th., Eld E. O. Lilly, text, "Lord, Hear My Cry, For I Am Poor And Needy", with Moderator to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder W. W. Davis	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder Blain Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder A. L. Pressnell	Scottville, N. C.

DISTRIBUTIONS OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches & No. Minutes	Clerks and Post Offices
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	P. T. McNeill, W. Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	G. E. Kilby, Crumpler, N. C.
Cranberry—20	Mrs. Bessie Critcher, Scottville, N. C.
South Fork—20	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clair's Bottom—30 ------ Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—50 -------------------- J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60 -------------- J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50 ---------------------- J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va.
Fishes River—50 -------------------- G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40 ------------ Elder G. B. Sutherland, Hayti, Va.
Kehukee—40 ------------------ B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketockton—30 -------- Elder C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—30 ------------- O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—30 ---------- Elder L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.
Abbotts Creek—25 ---- Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25 -------- Elder J. A. Fagg, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Roaring River—20 -------- J. A. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Ministers	Lincentiates	Rec. by Ex. Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letters	Dism'sed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—J. A. Reeves, Felix Bare and William T. Miller; Pastors, Elders. Ed Davis, G. D. Roten and W. W. Davis	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	77	14.00
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt and F. O. Thompson; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and W. W. Davis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	6.00
BEAR CREEK—G. W. Caudill, Callie Severt and S. J. Miller; Pastor, Elder W. W. Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	33	2.25
RIVER VIEW—T. E. Hartzog, J. C. McNeill and J. F. Hartzog; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	5.50
NORTH FORK—Eld. G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and J. M. Weaver; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	46	22.50
POND MOUNTAIN—Eld. Ed Davis, C. N. Davis and J. H. Eldreth; Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	70	8.00
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Arthur Eldreth; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	3.45
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kilby, Eld. Blair Kilby and Bob Blevins; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis, W. W. Davis and Blair Kilby	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	81	32.25
SOUTH FORK—Sent contributition by G. E. Kilby											
CRANBERRY—Eld. A. L. Pressnell, Bob Gambill, Sisters Bessie Critchen and Ida Shepherd; Pastors, Elds A. L. Pressnell, Long & Walker	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	12	1.00 1.50
BEAVER CREEK—Not represented											

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MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

Held With
THE CHURCH AT BEAVER CREEK
Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
September 8, 9 & 10, 1944

OFFICERS

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator ------ Tuckerdale, N. C.

G. E. KILBY, Clerk ------------------ Crumpler, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1944

The Association met persuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. Ed Davis, the Moderator of this Association. Text: the 1st Epistle of Peter, 1st chapter and 1st verse.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and was called to order by prayer by Eld. B. H. Blevins, a correspondent from the St. Clairs Bottom Association.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches except South Fork and seated the delegates.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organized the Association by electing Eld. Ed Davis, Moderator, and G. E. Kilby, Clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council: From St. Clairs Bottom: Elds. B. H. Blevins and H. M. Blevins and Bros. M. F. Greer and J. G. Perry.

Mountain: Eld. C. B. Kilby and Bro. G. R. Douglass.
Abbotts Creek: Eld. D. P. Broadway and Bro. C. B. Owen.
Roaring River: Elder C. D. Hall and Bro. D. C. Long.
Upper Mayo: Eld. J. R. Worrell.
Fishes River: Elder George Denny.
Indian Creek: Elder U. G. Nichols.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated: From St. Clairs Bottom, none; Mountain: Bros. T. A. Edwards, Robert Gambill, Robert Cleary, W. E. Hoppers, J. M. Rector, W. T. Rector and M. A. Higgins.

Indian Creek: None; Abbotts Creek, none; Roaring River: Elder E. A. Long; Upper Mayo: Bros. W. W. Fagg, W. L. Johnson and J. E. Clark; Fishes River: none.

6th. On motion, that we seat the transient and visiting brethren from sister associations.

7th. On motion, that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand today: 1st., Elder H. M. Blevins. Text: 1st Corinthians. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, etc.

8th. On motion, appointed a committee on the Ministry, as follows: Bros. Carl Ball, F. T. Miller and T. E. Hartzog, together with the messengers of this church. Their report is as follows: For Friday night, 1st. Eld. J. R. Worrell, text, 2nd. chapter of 2nd Timothy, 19th verse. And 2nd Eld. D. P. Broadway, text 29th verse of the 11th chapter of Romans.

9th. On motion, appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. W. W. Miller, Felix Bare and George Caudill.

10th. On motion, appointed a committee on arrangements, as follows: Eld. G. D. Roten, Blair Kilby; Bros. Rex P. Jones, W. L. Perry and F. O. Thompson Together with the Moderator and Clerk Transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

11th. On motion, appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Elds. G. D. Roten, Blair Kilby and Bro. J. F. Hartzog.

12th. On motion, that the committee on Arrangements sit at Bro. Oscar Burgess'.

13th. On motion, that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1944

The Association met persuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder J. R. Worrell, a correspondent from the Upper Mayo Association.

1st. On motion, called on the committee of arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

2nd. On motion, called the roll and erased absentees.

3rd. On motion, that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion, that correspondents that were appointed to sister associations report. Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th. On motion, that the committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister association report. The report is as follows:

To the Mountain: Elder Ed Davis and G. E. Kilby. To Roaring River: Elder Ed Davis and Bros. F. T. Miller, B. R. Dillard and F. O. Thompson. To Abbotts Creek: Elder Dewey Roten and Bros. J. F. Hartzog and B. R. Dillard. To St. Clairs Bottom: Elder Ed Davis and Bro. B. R. Dillard. To Indian Creek:Elder Ed Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller. To Upper Mayo: Elder Ed Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller. To Fisher River: Elder Ed Davis and Bro. F. T. Miller.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with New River, Fishes River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton, Kehukee and Powells Valley Associations by minutes.

7th. On motion, that we omit printing the constitution and rules of decorum in these minutes.

8th. On motion, that we appoint the clerk treasurer to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1000 printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion, that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Riverview Church, 9 miles south of West Jefferson, N. C., beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1945, and that Elder Dewey Roten preach the introductory sermon.

10th. On motion, that the finance committee report. The report is as follows:

Received from all churches		$152.40
Allowed the Moderator	$ 5.00	
Allowed the Clerk	5.00	
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	40.00	
Allowed for correspondents	102.40	
TOTAL	$152.40	$152.40

Given at Stand on Sunday, for corresponding and visiting Elders by Brethren, Sisters and friends $161.00

11th. On motion, that the minutes be read.

12. On motion, that the just read minutes be recived.

13th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the Brethern, Sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder C. D. Hall, a correspondent from the Roaring River Association.

ELD. ED DAVIS, Moderator
G. E. KILBY, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

For Friday—1st, Introductory by Elder Ed Davis. Text, the 1st Epistle of Peter, 1st chapter and 1 st verse. 2nd, Elder H. M. Blevins, a correspondent from the St. Clairs Bottom Association. Text, 1st Corinthians: Thanks to God who giveth us the victory, etc.

For Friday night at church—1st, Elder J. R. Worrell. Text, 2nd chapter of 2nd Timothy, 19th verse. 2nd, Elder D. P. Broadway. Text, Romans the 11th chapter and 29th verse.

For Saturday—1st, Elder C. B. Kilby. Text, proverbs 11th chapter, 19th verse. 2nd, Elder George Denny. Text, Luke, 1st chapter and 46th verse. 3rd, Elder U. G. Nichols. Didn't get text. 4th, Elder D. P. Broadway. Text, Theselonians 2nd chapter and 14th verse.

For Saturday night at church—1st, Elder C. D. Hall. Text, Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 2nd, Elder B. H. Blevins. Text, Luke 15th chapter and 7th verse.

For Sunday—1st, Elder J. R. Worrell. Text, Genesis 4th chapter; 3rd, 4th and 5th verses. 2nd, Elder George Denny. Text, St. Luke 19th chapter, 9th verse. 3rd, Elder H. M. Blevins. Text, Acts the 8th chapter, 35th verse. 4th, Elder D. P. Broadway. Text, Corinthians, 13th chapter and the 13th verse. 5th, Elder U. G. Nichols. Text, Psalms 61st chapter and 2nd verse. The Moderator to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	Sly, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and No. Min.	**Clerks and their P. O.**
Senter—70	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—50	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—25	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	P. T. McNeil, W. Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—50	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mtn.—75	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—80	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va.
South Fork—20	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

St. Clairs Bottom—30	Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va., Rt. 1
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.
Indian Creek—60	J. I. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50	J. M. Dickson, Floyd, Va.
Fishes River—50	G. J. Keys, Arat, Va.
Washington—40	J. J. Count, Cleveland, Va.
Kehukee—40	B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.
Ketocton—30	Elder C. W. Miller, Roselyn, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer—20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—30	Elder L. S. Saylor, Pineville, Ky.
Abbots Creek—25	Elder D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25	J. W. Moorfield, Walnut Cove, N. C.
Roaring River—20	W. I. Brown, N. Wilkesboro, N. C., Rt. 1

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. & Bap.	Restored	Rec. by Letter	Dism'sed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—Frank Reeves, Felix Bare and Rex P. Jones; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	78	16.00
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, F. O. Thompson and Tom Severt; Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	11.00
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt, Garvey Barnes and George Caudell; Pastor, Elder Dewey Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	3.55
RIVER VIEW—G. A. Miller, J. F. Hartzog and T. E. Hartzog; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	8.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and Avery Johnson; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	49	36.50
BIG HELTON—Elder Blair Kilby, G. E. Kilby and W. L. Perry; Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	80	50.00
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Lee Landreth; Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	10.00
POND MTN.—Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis and J. H. Eldreth; Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	68	9.60
SOUTH FORK—Not represented											
BEAVER CREEK—P. T. McNeil, Burrell Dillard and P. T. McNeil, Jr.	4	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	2	30	7.75

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MINUTES

Of The

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

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Held With

THE CHURCH AT BEAR CREEK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 12, 13 & 14, 1947

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ELDER ED DAVIS—Moderator

W. W. MILLER—Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1947

The Association met pursuant to Adjournment of last year, and was called to order by praise and prayer by Elder C. D. Hall, visitor from Roaring River Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten. Text 2nd. Peter, 1st. chapter, 3rd. verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder Leo V. Bagley.

1st. On motion received and read letters from all our churches, and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, called for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion that we accept the resignation of G. E. Kilby as clerk and organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis as moderator and W. W. Miller as clerk.

4th. On motion, called for correspondents from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Bro. J. G. Perry.

From The Mountain, Elder C. B. Kilby.

From the Indian Creek, Eld. B. T. Jenkins and Eld. D. C. Stover.

From The Abbotts Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway.

From The Roaring River, Bro. D. F. Whittington and Bro. Fosco Pruitt.

From The Upper Mayo, None.

From The Fishers River, None.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethern. From sister Associations, the following came forward and were seated:

From The St. Clairs Bottom, Elder H. M. Blevins, Elder B. H. Blevins, Bro. A. F. Eller.

From The Mountain, None

From The Indian Creek, Bro. F. M. Canady, Bro. Wint McNeill.

From The Abbotts Creek, Bro. C. B. Owens.

From The Roaring River, Elder C. D. Hall, Bro. W. C. Hall, Bro. D. C. Long.

6th. On motion that we seat the correspondents and visiting brethern from sister Associations.

7th. On motion that the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session. He appointed to the stand, Elder D. C. Sover, from Indian Creek, no special text.

Elder C. D. Hall, from Roaring River, Text— My Master is Rich.

8th. He appointed a committee on the Ministry as follows: Bro. P. T. McNeill, Ben Dolinger and Felix Bare, together with the messengers of this church. For Friday night at Beaver Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—Ephesians, 1st chapter, 7th verse. For Saturday morning, 1st Elder B. H. Blevins to introduce 2nd

Elder B. T. Jenkins. Text—Act. 17th chapter, 21st verse. 3rd Elder H. M Blevins, Text—Rev. 16th chapter, 17th verse. 4th Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—1st Cor. 3rd chapter, 11th verse

Saturday night at Beaver Creek, Elder C. B. Kilby, no special text. Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text.

9th. Appoint a committee on Finance as follows:

Bro. T. E. Hartsog, F. T. Miller and Carl Ball.

10th. Appoint a committee on arrangements as follows:

Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. J. F. Hartsog, Callie Severt. Elder Leo V. Bagley and Tom Severt, together with the moderator and clerk. Transient and visiting brethern to be seated with them.

11th. Appoint a committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations as follows: Bro. Rex P. Jones, R. L. Speaks and Sam Miller.

12th. On motion that the committee on arrangements sit at Bro. Sam Miller's.

13th. On motion that we adjourn until tomorrow morning.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1947

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder D. C. Stover, a correspondent from Indian Creek.

1st. On motion, called on the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and discharged the committee.

2nd. On motion, call the roll and erase absentees.

3rd. On motion that we omit reading the constitution and rules of decorum.

4th. On motion that the correspondents that were appointed to sister Associations report. Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th. Called on the committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister Associations to report. Their report is as follows:

To The Mounain: Elder Leo V. Bagley, Bro. P. T. McNeill, Bro. G. A. Miller.

To the Roaring River: Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Callie Severt, Bro. Felix Bare.

To The Abbotts Creek: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Callie Severt.

To The St. Clairs Bottom: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Tom Severt.

To The Upper Mayo: Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Leo V. Bagley, Bro. P. T. McNeill.

To The Indian Creek: Elder Ed Davis, Bro. F. T. Miller, Bro. J. F. Hartsog.

To The Fishers River: Bro. J. C. McNeill, Bro. Woodrow Burgess, Bro. F. T. Miller

6th. That we continue to correspond with the New River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton and Powell's Valley Association by Minutes.

7th. on motion that we have the constitution and rules of decorum printed in this minute.

8th. On motion that we appoint the Clerk-Treasurer to superintend the printing of these Minutes, to have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next session of this Association be held with the church at South Fork, 12 miles North East of Jefferson, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1948 and that Elder Leo V. Bagley preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, called on Finance committee to report.

The report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	$ 5.00
Rec'd from all our churches	165.30
TOTAL	$170.30
Alliwed the Moderator	10.00
Allowed the Clerk	10.00
Allowed for printing Minutes and postage	50.00
Allowed for correspondents	100.30
TOTAL	$170.30

Given at the stand on Sunday for correspondents and visiting Elders by Brethern, Sisters and Friends ---- $111.10.

11th. On motion that we have obituary of Sister Bina Johnson printed in this Minute.

12th. On motion that we read the Minutes.

13th. On motion that the Minutes be received.

14th. On motion that we return thanks to God for his mercy and to the brethern, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder Ed Davis.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten, Text—2nd Peter 1st chapter, 3rd verse.

For Friday, Elder D. C. Stover, no special text. Elder C. D. Hall, Text—My Master is Rich.

Friday night at Beaver Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Eph. 1st chapter, 1st verse.

Saturday, 1st Elder B. H. Blevins, did not get text. 2nd Elder B. T. Jenkins, Text—Acts. 17th chapter, 21st verse. 3rd Elder H. M. Blevins, Text—Rev. 16th chapter, 17th verse. 4th Elder D. P. Broadway, Text—1st Cor. 3rd chapter, 11th verse.

Saturday night at Beaver Creek, Elder C. B. Kilby, no special text. Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text.

Sunday, Elder Leo V. Bagley, opened by prayer. 1st Elder C. B. Kilby, no special text. 2nd Elder G. D. Roten, didn't get text. 3rd Elder B. T. Jenkins, no special text. 4th Elder Ed Davis, to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Leo V. Bagley	Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and No. of Minutes	**Clerks and their P. O.**
Senter—35	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—60	F. T. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Bear Creek—35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N C.
Beaver Creek—35	P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—30	T. E. Hartsog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—85	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—85	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, Lansing, N. C.
Big Helton—85	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va.
South Fork —	Kemper Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	**Clerks and their P. O.**
St. Clairs Bottom—30	Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va. Rt. 1.
Mountain—50	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va. Rt. 1.
Indian Creek—30	J. D. Bowling, Beckley, W. Va.
New River—50	Elder J. S. Harris, Wills, Va.
Fishers River—50	G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington—40	M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va.
Ketocton—30	Elder C. W. Miller, Roselyne, Va. Box 86
Ebenezer—20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powell's Valley—30	Dewey Barnette, Knoxville Tenn.
Abbotts Creek—25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Upper Mayo—25	J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th. St. Winston-Salem, N. C.
Roaring River—20	Fosco Pruitt, Laurel Springs, N. C.

Obituary

BINA JOHNSON

CLIFTON, N. C.

Bina Johnson was born February 15, 1873, died February 21, 1947, making her stay on earth 74 years, 6 days.

She was married to W. A. Johnson, December 23, 1893. To this union were born 9 children, Adolphus Johnson, Clifton, N. C.; W. G. Johnson and Lesley Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.; Clyde Johnson, Switch Back, W. Va.; Cloud Johnson, Pageston, W. Va.; Mrs. W. W. Roland and Mrs. Orren Weaver of Clifton, N. C. Two children died in infancy. She leaves her husband, W. A. Johnson and 7 children to mourn their loss.

She joined the Primitive Baptist church at North Fork September, 1920 and lived a faithful member until death, always filling her seat as long as she was able.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appelation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek. North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at the annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention with the Senter church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Associaion.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those bap-

tised, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in this Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the Discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and the monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Asosciation for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association .

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principals of the Gospel.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES—Names of Messengers and Pastors.	Sat. of Church Meetings	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. & Baptism	Restored	Rec'd. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER—John Reeves, Felix Bare and Rex Jones. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	71	$18.30
ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Tom Severt and Fred Weaver. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	52	18.00
BEAR CREEK—George Caudill, Callie Severt and S. J. Miller. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	34	7.00
RIVER VIEW—T. E. Hartzog, J. C. McNeill and J. F. Hartzog. Pastor, Elder G. D . Roten.	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	27	9.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller and W. G. Johnson. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	44	31.00
BIG HELTON—G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger and G. O. Blevins. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Blair Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	40.75
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis and Arthur Eldreth. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	10.00
POND MOUNTAIN—Elder Ed Davis, J. H. Eldreth and C. N. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	12.25
SOUTH FORK—Kemper Douglas and Arthur Douglas. Pastor, Elder Leo V. Bagley	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	3.00
BEAVER CREEK—Elder Leo V. Bagley, P. T. McNeill and R. L. Speaks. Pastor, Elder Leo V. Bagley	4	1	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	39	16.00

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MINUTES

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NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

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Held With

THE CHURCH AT SOUTH FORK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

September 10, 11 & 12, 1948

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ELDER ED DAVIS—Moderator

W. W. MILLER — CLERK

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1948

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder Ed Davis, Moderator.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Leo V. Bagley, text: St. Matthew: 16th chapter, 18th verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder C. B. Kilby, a correspondent from the Mountain Association.

1st. On motion received and read letters from all our churches and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion called for petition letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion organized the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, Moderator and W. W. Miller, Clerk.

4th. On motion called for correspondent from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated and aided in council:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Elder H. M. Blevins, Bro. J. G. Perry.

From the Mountain, Elder C. B. Kilby, Bro. J. H. Stamper Bro. Garnet Moore.

From Indian Creek, Elder Robert R. Booth.

From Abbotts Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Bro. C. A. Livinggood, Bro. R. F. Brown.

From Roaring River, Bro. Fosco Pruitt.

From Upper Mayo, None.

From Fishers River, Elder R. H. Riggan, Bro. J. E. Simmons

5th. On motion called for transient and visiting brethren from sister Associations and the following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clairs Bottom, None.

From Mountain, Elder C. L. Roberts, Bro. C. C. Reeves Bro. G. R. Douglas, Bro. Ed Owens. Bro. C. L. Fender, Bro Robert Cleary.

From Indian Creek, Elder M. K. Cook.

From Abbots Creek, Bro. Reed Blevins.

From Roaring River, Bro. D. C. Long.

From Upper Mayo, None.

From Fishers River, Elder George Denny, Elder J. H. Fulk

From Pine Knob, Elder H. C. Jenkins.

From Powell's Valley, Colby Saylor, Larkin Saylor.

From Cumberland, Ky., Bro. C. M. Davis.

6th. On motion we seat the correspondents and visiting brethren from the sister Associations.

7th. On motion that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. He appointed a committee on Ministry as follows: Bro.

Felix Bare, Bro. Fred Weaver, Bro. B. O. Dolinger, with the messengers of this church.

9th. Appointed a committee on Finance, Bro. P. T. McNeill, Bro. F. T. Miller and Bro. Edwin Hartsog.

10th. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. G. E. Kilby and Bro. Fred Weaver, together with Moderator and Clerk. Transient and visiting brethren to be seated with them.

11th. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations as follows: Bro. Rex Jones, Bro. Bob Speaks Bro. Carl Ball.

12th. On motion that the committee on arrangements sit at Elder Leo V. Bagley's.

13th. On motion that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1948

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway, correspondent from Abbots Creek.

1st. On motion called on the committee on arrangements to report. Report received and discharged the committee.

2nd. On motion called the roll and erase absentees.

3rd. On motion we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion that the correspondents that we appointed to sister Associations report Received the report and excused those that failed to go.

5th Called on the committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister Associations to report. Their report is as follows:

To St. Clairs Bottom, Elder Ed Davis, Bro. Tom Severt.

To Mountain, Elder Leo V. Bagley, Bro. P. T. McNeil, Bro G. A. Miller.

To Indian Creek: Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Callie Severt, Bro. B. R. Dillard.

To Abbotts Creek, Elder Leo V. Bagley, Bro. Rex Jones

To Upper Mayo, Elder Ed Davis, Bro. F. T. Miller.

To Fishers River, Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. J. C. McNeil, Bro F. T. Miller.

To Roaring River, Bro. P. T. McNeill, Bro. Felix Bare.

6th. That we continue to correspond with the New River, Washington, Ebenezer, Ketocton, and Powell's Valley Associations by minutes.

7th. On motion that we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

8th. On motion that we appoint the Clerk-Treasurer to superintend the printing of these minutes. To have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next Association be held with the church at Big Helton, 12 miles North of West Jefferson, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1949 and that Elder Ed Davis preach the introductory sermon.

10th. On motion called on the Finance committee to report. The report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	$ 14.00
Received from all our churches	183.00
TOTAL	$197.00

Allowed the Moderator	$ 10.00
Allowed the Clerk	10.00
Allowed for printing minutes and postage	50.00
Allowed for correspondents	127.00
TOTAL	$197.00

Given at the stand on Sunday for correspondents and visiting Elders by brethren, sisters and friends ------ --$125.00.

12th. On motion that we read the minutes.

13th. On motion that the minutes be received.

14th. On motion that we return thanks to God for his mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder Ed Davis.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday — The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Leo V. Bagley. Text, 16th chapter, 18th verse St. Matthew.

Elder M. K. Cook, no special text.

Saturday — Elder H. M. Blevins. Text, "Jesus died and rose again."

Elder C. B. Kilby, Text, "Husbands love your wives."

Elder R. H. Riggan, 14th chapter, 4th verse of Rev.

Elder J. G. Fulk, Text, "What manner of man is this?"

Elder D. P. Broadway, Clerk failed to get text.

Saturday night at Beaver Creek church — Elder D. P. Broadway, Elder M. K. Cook.

Sunday morning — Elder C. L. Roberts to open.

Elder Robert Booth, Text, 13th chapter, verse of Romans.

Elder M. K. Cook, Text, 1st Cor., 2nd chapter.

Elder H. C. Jenkins, Text, 7th chapter, 46th verse of St. John.

Sunday evening — Elder George Denny, Text, 1st chapter, 12th verse Ecleastics.

Elder D. P. Broadway, 19th chapter, 26th and 27th verses of St. John.

Elder Ed Davis to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Leo V. Bagley	Crumpler, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter — 85	Rex P. Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek — 60	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Bear Creek — 35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek — 35	P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View — 30	T. E. Hartsog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork — 60	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain — 85	J. H. Eldreth, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Horse Creek — 45	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton — 85	W. L. Perry, Whitetop, Va
South Fork — 25	Jennie Douglas, Crumpler, N. C

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Associations and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom — 30	Elder C. R. Dancy, Marion, Va., Rt. 3
Mountain — 50	J. M. Rector, Galax, Va.
Indian Creek — 30	Joe Lilly, Hinton, W. Va.
New River — 50	Elder J. S. Harris, Wills, Va.
Fishers River — 50	A. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C
Washington — 40	M. C. Sutherland, Birchleaf, Va
Ketocton — 30	Elder C. W. Miller, Roselyne, Va., Box 86
Ebenezer — 20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va
Powell's Valley—30	M. V. Browning, Maynardville, Tenn., Rt. 2
Abbotts Creek — 25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C
Roaring River — 20	Allen Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C
Upper Mayo	J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St. Winston Salem, N. C.

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ROANS CREEK—F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver, Tom Severt. Pastors, Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	$25.00
BEAR CREEK—Callie Severt, S. J. Miller, Ed Severt. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	6.00
RIVER VIEW—Clifford McNeil, T. E. Hartsog, J. F. Hartsog. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	8.00
NORTH FORK—Elder G. D. Roten, W. W. Miller, W. G. Johnson. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	35.00
BIG HELTON—Elder Blair Kilby, G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and B. Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	78	53.00
HORSE CREEK—Carl Ball, Millard Davis, A. Eldreth. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	7.00
POND MOUNTAIN—Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis, A. J. Davis, Pastor, Ed Davis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	16.00
SOUTH FORK—Arthur Douglas, Leff Reeves, K. Douglas. Pastor, Leo V. Bagley	1	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	22	8.00
BEAVER CREEK—P. T. McNeill, R. L. Speaks, Woodrow Burgess. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	35	8.50
SENTER—Rex Jones, Felix Bare, John Reeves. Pastors, Elders G. D. Roten and Ed Davis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	16.50

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NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Held With

THE CHURCH AT BIG HELTON

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 9, 10 & 11, 1949

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ELDER EDD DAVIS — Moderator

W. W. MILLER — Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1949

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder C. N. Tilson.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and was called to order by prayer by Elder J. C. Sparks.

1st. On motion received and read letters from all our churches and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion called for petition letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion organized the Associataion by electing Elder Ed Davis, Moderator and W. W. Miller, Clerk.

4th. On motion called for correspondents from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clairs Bottom, Elder C. N. Toliver, Bro. J. G. Perry.

From Mountain, Elder J. C. Sparks, Elder C. B. Kilby, Elder Stevy Roberts, Bro. Harry Stamper.

From Indian Creek, Elder M. K. Cook, Elder Webb Kilby.

From Abbotts Creek, Elder D. P. Broadway, Bro. R. I. Blevins, Bro. C. B. Owens

From Roaring River, Elder ~~W. J. Brown.~~ A. T. Whiting

From Upper Mayo — Elder W. J. Brown.

From Fishers River, Elder J. G. Fulk.

5th. On motion called for transient and visiting brethren from sister Associations and the following came forward and were seated.

From St. Clairs Bottom, Monroe Richardson.

From Mountain, Bro. A. C. Walker, Bro. Lon Mc Reeves, Bro. Clarance Ward, Elder Coy Roberts.

From Indian Creek, Bro. J. L. Davis, Bro. Luther Eastridge.

From Abbotts Creek, None.

From Roaring River, Bro. D. C. Long.

From Upper Mayo, None.

From Fishers River, None.

From Powells Valley, None.

6th. On motion we seated the correspondents and visiting brethren from sister Associations.

7th. On motion that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. He appointed a committee on Ministry as follows: Bros. Felix Bare, Fred Weaver, Clifford McNeill.

9th. Appointed a committee on Finance: Bros. F. T. Miller, Ed Severt and C. N. Davis.

10th. Appointed a committee on Arrangements: Bros. Gaither Kilby, Callie Severt and Carl Ball.

11th. Appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations. Bros. Rex Jones, R. L. Speaks and B. O. Dolinger.

12th. On motion that the committee on Arrangements set at Bro. B. O. Dolinger's.

13th. On motion that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1949

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.

1st. On motion called on committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

2nd. On motion called the roll and erased the absentees.

3rd. On motion we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion that correspondents who were appointed to sister Associations report. Received the report and excused those who failed to go.

5th. Called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister Associations to report. Their report is as follows:

To St. Clairs Bottom: To be held with the Troutdale church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1950. Elder Ed Davis, Bros. F. F. Miller and Callie Severt.

To Mountain: To be held with the Little River church in Sparta, N. C., beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1950. Elder Ed Davis, Bros. G. E. Kilby and W. W. Miller

To Indian Creek: To be held with the Pilgram Rest church in Greenbrier county, beginning on Friday before the last Sunday in August. Go by Hillsville then to Narrows, Va., to Lewisburg, W. Va. Elder G. D. Roten, Bros. R. B. Dillard, P. T. McNeill.

Abbots Creek: To be held with the Pleasant Hill church, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1950. 6 miles southwest from Statesville. Elder Ed Davis, Bros. P. T. McNeill, F. T. Miller

Upper Mayo: To be held with the Cedar Grove church, Mayodan, N C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1950. Bros. Rex Jones, Tom Severt, Fred Weaver.

Fishers River: Held with Liberty church, 12 miles west of Pilot Mountain, just off Highway 268 near Copeland school, Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1950, Elder G. D. Roten, Clifford McNeill, C. N. Davis.

Roaring River: Held with the Meadow Fork church, 24 miles north of North Wilkesboro on Highway 18, towards Sparta, Friday before the 4th Sunday in September. Bros. Felix Bare, Clifford McNeill, G. E. Kilby.

6th. That we continue to correspond with Washington, Ebenezer and Powells Valley Associations by minute.

That we refrain from sending minutes to New River and Ketocton.

7th. That we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

8th. On motion that we appoint the Clerk-Treasurer to superintend the printing of these minutes. To have 1000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next Associaion be held with the Horse Creek church, 14 miles Northwest of West Jefferson, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1950. That Elder G. D. Roten preach the introductory sermon.

10th. On motion called on Finance committee to report. The report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	$ 15.00
Received from all the churches	177.25
Total	$192.25
Allowed Moderator	$ 10.00
Allowed Clerk	10.00
Allowed for printing Minutes and postage	50.00
Allowed for Correspondents	122.25
Total	$192.25

Given at stand on Sunday for correspondents and visiting Elders by brothers, sisters and friends ______________$ 73.00

12th. On motion we read the Minutes.

13th. On motion we have the Articles of Faaith printed in the Minutes.

14th. On motion we put the directions and miles to corresponding Associations.

15th. On motion that we return thanks to God for his mercy and to brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder M. K. Cook.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday — The inductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis. Ephes. 1st chapter.

Elder W. J. Brown — No special text.

Friday night at Beaver Creek — Elder D. P. Broadway. Text: Gen. 8th chapter, 22nd verse. Elder W. J. Brown. Text: Rev. 5th chapter, 1-4 verses.

Saturday — Elder J. C. Sparks to introduce.

Elder C. N. Tilson, failed to get text.

Elder M. K. Cook, failed to get text.

Afternoon — Elder W. J. Brown. Text: Daniel 2nd chapter, 44th verse.

Elder A. T. Whittington, no special text.

Elder J. G. Fluk. Text 139th Psalm.

Sunday — Elder Coy Roberts. Text: Gen: 45th chapter, 28th verse.

Elder Webb Kilby, failed to get text.

Elder D. P. Broadway. Rev. 21st chapter, 2nd verse.

Afternoon — Elder C. B. Kilby. Text: Rom. 4th chapter, 8th verse.

Elder S. P. Roberts Text: 1st Cor., 2nd chapter, 12th verse.

Elder Ed Davis to close.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.

Elder Leo V. Bagley -- ---- -- ---- ---- Crumpler, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby -- -- ---- ---- -- ---- -- Rugby, Va.

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Senter — 85	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek — 60	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Bear Creek — 35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek — 35	P. T. McNeill. West Jefferson, N. C.
River View — 30	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork — 60	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain — 85	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek — 45	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton — 85	B. O. Dolinger, Sturgills, N. C.
South Fork — 30	Jennie Douglas, Piney Creek, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom — 30	Elder C. N. Tison, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain — 50	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.
Indian Creek — 30	J. R. Lilley, Hinton, W. Va., Box 136
Fishers River — 50	A. J. Key, Ararat, N. C.
Washington — 40	M. C. Southerland, Birchleaf, Va.
Ebenezer — 20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood. Va.
Powells Valley — 30	M. V. Browning, Maynardsville, Tenn.
Abbotts Creek — 25	T. R. Freeman. Steeds, N. C.
Roaring River — 20	A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Upper Mayo — 20	J. W. Moorefield, 618 W. 28th St. Winston - Salem, N. C.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1st. We believe in the one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rules of Faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We beieve that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God and shall never finally fall away.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe that the only true mode of baptism is by emersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general enjoyment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the impressions of the hand by presbytery.

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CHURCHES — Names of Messengers and Pastors	Sat. of Church eMeting	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Ex. & Baptism	Restored	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
SENTER — Rex Jones, Felix Bare, Harley Blevins. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and Dewey Roten	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	2	78	$22.25	
ROANS CREEK — F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver, Tom Severt. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis and G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	20.00	
BEAR CREEK — Ed Severt, C. G. Severt, George Caudill. Pastors, Elder G. D. Roten	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	31	8.00	
BEAVER CREEK — P. T. McNeill, R. L. Speaks, Gordie Severt. Pastors, Elder G. D.Roten	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	31	11.00	
RIVER VIEW — Clifford McNeill, T. E. Hartzog, J. F. Hartzog. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	10.00	
NORTH FORK — W. W. Miller, B. C. Miller, F. M. Roten Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	45	39.00	
POND MOUNTAIN — Ed Davis, C .N. Davis, A. J. Davis. Pastor, Elder Ed Davis	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	69	13.00	
HORSE CREEK — Carl Ball, Millard Davis, A. Eldreth. Pastor, Elder G. D. Roten	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	10.00	
BIG HELTON — Blair Kilby, G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger. Pastors, Elders Ed Davis, Blair Kilby	3	1	0	5	0	0	2	0	81	38.00	
SOUTH FORK — Avery Jones, J. F. Royal, Ben Weaver. Pastors, Elders M. K. Cook, L. V. Bagley	1	1	0	5	0	1	1	0	26	6.00	

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HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT HORSE CREEK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

September 8, 9, 10, 1950

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ELDER ED. DAVIS, Moderator

W. W. MILLER, Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1950

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder A. T. Whittington.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: St. Matthews, 2nd chapter, 21st verse.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder J. I. Bowlin.

1st. On motion receive and read letters from all our churches and seat the messengers.

2nd. On motion call for petition letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis Moderator, and W. W. Miller, Clerk.

4th. On motion call for correspondents from sister Associations. The following came forward and were seated.

On motion to seat sisters in our Association.

From St. Clair's Bottom — Elder C. N. Tilson.

From Mountain — Elder Steve Roberts, Elder Ed Douglas, Clarence Ward.

From Indian Creek — Elder G. T. Foley, Elder O. H. Mann, Reed Blevins.

From Abbots Creek — Elder D. P. Broadway, A. T. Walser.

From Roaring River — Elder A. T. Whittington, Bro. J. F. Coffey.

From Upper Mayo — Minutes.

From Fisher's River — Minutes.

5th. On motion call for transient and visiting brethren from sister Associations and the following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clair's Bottom — Bro. A. T. Elller, R. C. Price and wife Sister Ada Walton.

From Mountain — None.

From Indian Creek — Elder J. I. Bowlin, Elder C. B. D. Taylor, Elder I. W. Kilby and wife, Bros. J. L. Davis, Luther Easter. I. C. Taylor, R. C. Miller and wife.

From Abbots Creek — Sister May Blevins.

From Roaring River — Bro. Fasco Pruitt.

From Fishers River — None.

From Upper Mayo — None.

From Powell's Valley — Minutes.

6th. On motion we seat the correspondents and visiting brethren from sister Associations.

7th. On motion the Moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th He appointed a committee on Ministry as follows: Bros. Felix Bare, J. F. Miller, Clifford McNeill.

9th. He appointed a committee on Finance as follows: F. T. Miller, C. N. Davis, P. T. McNeill.

10th. He appointed a committee on Arrangements as follows: Elder G. D. Roten, Bros. G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger.

11th. He appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister Associations: Fred Weaver, Carl Ball, Edwin Hartzog.

12th. On motion that the committee on Arrangements set at Millard Davis'.

13th. On motion we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1950

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder O. H. Mann.

2nd. Called the roll and erased the absentees.

3rd. On motion we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion that the correspondents who were appointed to sister Associations to report and excuse those who fail to go.

5th. Called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister Associations to report. Their report is as follows: To St. Clair's Bottom — To be held with the Troutdale church, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1950.

ELDER G. D. ROTEN,
BRO. G. E. KILBY,
CALLIE SEVERT.

To the Mountain — To be held with the Rock Creek church three miles from Independence, Va., just off the Independence, Galax highway, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1951. Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, Bro. Fred Weaver.

To Indian Creek — To be held with the Little Vine church, 5 miles South from Beckley on highway 19 and 21. Beginning Friday before the last Sunday in August. Elder Ed Davis, F. T. Miller, Rex Jones.

To Abbots Creek — To be held with the White Oak Springs church in Montgomery county between the towns of Either and Star, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August. Elder G. D. Roten, B. Dillard, P. T. McNeill.

Upper Mayo — To be held with the Cedar Falls church, Stokes county, 5 miles north of Danbury, west of Highway 89. Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1951. Elder G. D. Roten, Bros. Tom Severt, Callie Severt.

Fishers River — To be held with the Volunteer church, 2 miles southeast of Pilot Mountain. Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1951. Bros. Clifford McNeill, G. E. Kilby.

Roaring River — To be held with the Meadow Fork church on Highway 18, toward Sparta. Beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September 1950. Bros. G. E. Kilby, F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver.

6th. That we continue to correspond with Washington, Ebenezer, Powells Valley Associations by Minute.

7th. That we have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in this Minute.

8th. On motion we appoint Clerk - Treasurer to superintend the printing of these minutes, to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next Association be held with the Roans Creek church, 8 miles from West Jefferson on Highway 88. Beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1951. That Elder Ed Davis preach the introductory sermon.

10th. On motion call on Finance committee to report. Their report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	$ 19.00
Received from all the churches	164.00
Total	$183.00
Allowed Moderator	$ 15.00
Allowed Clerk	15.00
Allowed for Minutes	50.00
Allowed Correspondents	103.00
Total	$183.00
Given at stand on Sunday by Brothers, Sisters and friends	$ 70.00

13th. On motion that we have the Articles of Faith printed in this minute.

14. On motion that we have the obituary of Bro. J. F. Hartzog printed in this minute.

15th. On motion we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to Brethren, Sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer by Elder Ed Davis.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.
W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

OBITUARY

Jefferson Filmore Hartzog was born February 16th., 1864. Departed this life Oct. 17, 1949. He was married to Mary J. Miller, Dec. 11, 1884. To this union were born 3 sons, Wiley G., T. Edward and B. K.

He was baptised by Elder H. B. Miller in 1893. He served as county commissioner and other offices in the county. He was a strong believer in doctrine of salvation by grace. He served as clerk of River View church for a number of years and was also clerk of the Senter Association.

He was faithful and devoted to the caused of our blessed Master. Fought a good fight, kept the faith. Our loss is his eternal gain. Sleep on dear one till the Lord awakes you in His blessed likeness.

Written by Elder Ed Davis.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY

The introductary sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten, 2nd chapter, 21st verse St. Matthew.

Elder G. T. Foley, no special text.

SATURDAY

Elder C. N. Tilson, text, 6th chapter Song's Sol.
Elder D. P. Broadway, no special text.
Elder A. T Whittington, text, 5th chapter St. John.
Elder C. B. D. Taylor, no special text.

SUNDAY

Elder I. W. Kilby, to introduce.
Elder O. H. Mann, text 2nd Tim. 9th verse.
Elder S. P. Roberts, 9 chapter, 5th verse Isac.
Elder, L. G. Cashon, Ruth, 1st chapter, 16th verse.
Elder J. I. Bowlin, failed to get text.
Elder Ed Douglas, Songs of Solomon.
Elder J. G. Fulk, no special text.

AT BEAVER CREEK FRIDAY NIGHT

Elders D. P. Broadway and J. I. Bowlin.

SAT NIGHT AT BEAVER CREEK

Elders J. I. Bowlin and Ed Douglas.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Leo V. Bagley	Crumpler, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Licentiates	Ed Severt

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter — 85	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek — 60	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Bear Creek — 35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek — 35	P. T. McNeill, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View — 30	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork — 60	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain — 85	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek — 45	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton — 85	B. O. Dolinger, Sturgills, N. C.
South Fork — 30	Jennie Douglas, Piney Creek, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom — 30	Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain — 50	Author Gambill, Sparta, N. C.
Indian Creek — 30	J. R. Lilly, Hinton, W. Va., Box 136
Fishers River — 50	G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.
Washington — 40	M. C. Southerland, Birchleaf, Va.
Ebenezer — 20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley — 30	M. V. Browning, Maynardville, Tenn., Box 52.
Abbots Creek — 25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Roaring River — 20	A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Upper Mayo — 20	J. W. Morefield, Winston - Salem, N. C. 618 W. 28 St.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appelation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at the annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention with the Senter church, 21st October, 1853, formed and apodted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those

baptised, received by letter, excluded and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in this Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the Discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and the monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1st. We believe in the one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rules of Faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God and shall never finally fall away.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We belive that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe that the only true mode of baptism is by emmersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a generel enjoyment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the impressions of the handb by presbytery.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES — Names of Church Messengers	Sunday of Meeting	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
BEAR CREEK — Ed Severt, Callie Severt, Geo. Caudill	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	7.00
BEAVER CREEK — P. T. McNeill, Geo. Miller, R. L. Speaks Elder Blair Kilby, B. O. Dolinger	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	37	32.00
BIG HELTON — Gaither Blevins, G. E. Kilby	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	81	40.00
HORSE CREEK — Carl Ball, M. Davis, Lee Landreth	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	27	10.00
NORTH FORK — Elder G. D. Roten, W. M. Miller, J. F. Miller	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	42	21.00
POND MOUNTAIN — Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis, J. H. Eldreth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	70	14.25
RIVER VIEW — T. E. Hartzog, Clifford McNeill	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	26	8.25
ROANS CREEK — F. Weaver, Tom Severt, F. T. Miller	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	49	15.00
SENTER — Felix Bare, H. M. Bare, John Reeves	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	79	19.00
SOUTH FORK — J. F. Royal, Ben Weaver	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	2.50

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MINUTES

OF THE

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH AT ROAN'S CREEK

Ashe County, North Carolina

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 9, 1951

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator

W. W. MILLER, Clerk

Proceedings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1951

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder Robert R. Booth.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis.

After a short intermission the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway.

1st. On motion receive and read letters from all our churches and seat the messengers.

2nd. On motion call for petition letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion organized the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, moderator and W. W. Miller, clerk.

4th. Call for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated.

From St. Clair's Bottom—none.

From Mountain—Elder C. B. Kelby, Elder S. P. Roberts, Bro. G. R. Douglas and Bro. M. A. Jenkins.

From Indian Creek—Elder Robert R. Booth and Elder A. L. Neily.

From Abbotts Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Deacon C. B. Owens and Bro. E. F. Yarber.

From Roaring River—Elder C. D. Hall, Bros. Troy Miller and Fasco Pruett.

From Upper Mayo—Minutes.

From Fishers River—Elders G. L. Flippin and J. G. Fulk.

5th. On motion call for transient and visiting brethern from sister associations and the following came forward and were seated.

From St. Clair's Bottom—Elder B. Blevins, Bro. W. P. Johnson and Sister C. R. Dancy.

From Mountain—Bros. Clarance Ward, Green Ward, Alex Smith, Sisters Maxie Kilby, Alice Douglas, Madge Reeves and many others.

From Indian Creek—Elder Eli Lilly, Elder J. I. Bawlin, Elder B. T. Jenkins, Bros. and Sisters Elmer Weaver and wife, Luther Easter and wife, Wint McNeil and wife, Carlie Cox and wife, John Gains and wife, J. H. Lilly and wife, L. D. Meadows, Sisters C. R. Lilly, M. F. Meadows.

From Roaring River—Bro. D. C. Long, Sisters Nora Hall, C. D. Hall, Gladis Miller.

From Abbotts Creek—Bro. R. I. Blevins, Sisters Mae Blevins, C. B. Owens, D. P. Broadway, E. F. Yarbrough, C. N. Grubbs.

From Fishers River—Bros. J. I. Lawson, C. C. Ward and Sister J. G. Fulk.

From New Liberty—Elder Emery Cadle and Elder Keneth Cadle.

From Oak Grove Church—Elder L. J. Martin.

From New Part Church—Elder M. L. Simmons and Bro. W. W. Quinn.

From Upper Mayo—Bro. M. L. Lawson and wife.

From Powells Valley—Minutes.

6th. On motion we seat the correspondent and visiting bretherns from sister associations.

7th. On motion the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. He appointed a committee on ministry as follows: Bros. T. E. Hartzog, Rex Jones, B. R. Dillard, with the messengers of Roans Creek Church.

9th. He appointed a committee on finance as follows: Bros. F. T. Miller, C. N. Davis and P. T. McNeil.

10th. He appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Ed Severt, Bro. B. O. Dolinger, with the moderator and clerk.

11th. He appointed a committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: :Bros. G. E. Kelby, Fred Weaver and R. L. Speeks.

12th. On motion the committee on arrangements set at Bro. F. T. Millers.

13th On motion we adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 a. m.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1951

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder E. O. Lilly.

2nd. Call the roll and erase the absentees.

3rd. On motion we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion the correspondents who were appointed to sister associations to report and excuse those who failed to go.

5th. Called on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report. Their report is as follows:

To St. Clairs Bottom—To be held with the Tumblin Creek Church. To begin on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1951.

Bros. Callie Severt, P. T. McNeil.

To the Mountain—Elder Ed Davis, Bros. F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver, Felix Bare.

To be held with the Union Church 4 miles Southwest of Sparta on Highway 18, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1952.

To Indian Creek—Elders G. D. Roten and Ed Severt. To be held with the church at Egeria in Raleigh County. Leave U. S. 21, 1 mile

South of Flat Top, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the last Sunday in August, 1952.

To Abbotts Creek—Elder Ed Davis, G. O. Blevins, F. T. Miller. To be held with the Abbotts Creek Church, 15 miles out of Winston towards High Point, just off Highway 109. To begin on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1952.

Upper Mayo—Elder G. D. Roten and Bro. Felix Bare. To be held with the Sandy Level Church, Richmond County, 4 miles North of Ellerbe, on Highway 220, beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1952.

Fishers River—Elders G. D. Roten, Ed Davis, Lic. P. T. McNeil. To be held with the church at Stoney Creek, on Highway 52 about midway between Mt. Airy and Pilot Mountain, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in July, 1951.

Roaring River—Bros. Rex Jones, F. T. Miller, R. L. Speeks and Felix Bare. To be held with the church at Cross Roads on Highway 18, 6 miles North from North Wilkesboro, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1951.

6th. On motion that we continue to correspond with Washington, Ebenezer, Powells Valley associations by Minutes.

7th. That we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

8th. On motion we appoint the clerk-treasurer to superintend to the printing of these Minutes—to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion that the next association be held with the church at Senter, 8 miles Northeast of Jefferson, just off Highway 221, beginning on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1952, and that Elder G. D. Roten preach the Introductory Sermon.

10th. On motion call on finance committee to report. Their report is as follows:

Carried over from last year	21.00
Received from all the churches	159.55
TOTAL	180.55
Allowed Moderator	15.00
Allowed Clerk	15.00
Allowed for Minutes	50.00
Allowed Correspondents	100.55
TOTAL	180.55
Received at stand on Sunday	65.00

11th. On motion that we return thanks to God for his mercy and to brethern, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session and that we adjourn with prayer.

Elder Ed Davs, Moderator.
W. W. Miller, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis.
Elder L. J. Martin, no special text.
Elder A. L. Meely, 8th chapter of Romans.

Friday Night At Beaver Creek

Elder D. P. Broadway.
Elder M. L. Simmons.

Saturday

Elder Robert Booth. Failed to get text.
Elder G. L. Flippin. Failed to get text.
Elder C. B. Kilby. Failed to get text.
Elder E. O. Lilly, Text: Peter, 1st Chapter, 18th verse.

Afternoon

Elder S. P. Roberts, Text: 7th Chapter, 10th and 11th verses Josh.
Elder Emery Cadle, Text: 32nd Chapter Deut.
Elder M. L. Simmons, no special text.

Sunday

Elder Ed Davis, introduced.
Elder Kenneth Cadle. Failed to get text.
Elder Thomas Jenkins, 5th Chapter, 1st verse, Romans.
Elder J. I. Bowlin, 23 Psalms. 1st verse.

Afternoon

Elder J. G. Fulk, Text: 11th Chapter, 1st verse Heb.
Elder D. P. Broadway. Failed to get text.

Saturday Night At Senter

Elder D. P. Broadway.
Elder M. L. Simmons.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

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Churches	Clerks and their P. O.
Senter—85	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—60	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Bear Creek—35	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.
Beaver Creek—35	P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—30	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—60	W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C.
Pond Mountain—85	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek—45	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton—85	B. O. Dolinger, Sturgills, N. C.
South Fork—30	Jennie Douglas, Piney Creek, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Associations and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their P. O.
St. Clairs Bottom—30	Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—50	Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C.
Indian Creek—30	J. R. Lilly, Hinton, W. Va., Box 136
Fishers River—50	G. J. Keys, Ararat, N. C.

Washington—40	M. C. Southerland, Birchleaf, Va.
Ebenezer—20	O. F. Carpenter, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—30	M. V. Browning, Maynardville, Tenn., B-52
Abbots Creek—25	T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C.
Roaring River—20	A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.
Upper Mayo—20	J. W. Morefield, Winston-Salem, N. C. 618 W. 28 St.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR P. O.

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Leo V. Bagly	Crumpler, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Rugby, Va.
Elder Ed Severt	Glendale Springs, N. C.
Licentiate P. T. McNeil	West Jefferson, N. C.

OBITUARIES

A. J. Davis

A. J. Davis, son of Elder C. C. Davis, was born Nov. 28, 1879 and died Nov. 29, 1950. He was married to Lizzie Farmer Davis Feb. 11, 1899. To this union was born one child who died in infancy.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Pond Mountain, Sat., March 1st, 1902, where he remained a faithful member until death—always filling his place in the church. He was one among our most devoted members. Strong defender of the doctrine of salvation by grace. Our loss is his eternal gain. Sleep on dear one until the Lord awakes you in his likeness.

W. R. Davis

W. R. Davis, son of Elder C. C. Davis, was born May 16, 1875 and died June 26, 1951. He was married to Vena Farmer Davis Feb., 1892. To this union was born 12 children—6 living and 6 dead.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Pond Mountain Sat., March 1st, 1902 and was later ordained deacon, faithfully discharging his duty till death. He was a strong believer in the doctrine of salvation by grace. Our loss is his eternal gain. Sleep on, dear one, till the Lord awakes you in his blessed likeness.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Sunday of Meeting	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Beaver Creek	R. L. Speeks, B. R. Dillard, W. G. Johnson	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	20.05
Big Helton	G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger, Gather Blevins	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	35.00
Horse Creek	Carl Ball, Arthur Eldrith, Lee Landrith	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	5.00
North Fork	W. W. Miller, J. F. Miller, Marion Roten	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	39	14.00
Pond Mountain	Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis, Eddie Lyalls	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	68	15.00
River View	Elder G. D. Roten, T. E. Hartzog, Clifford McNeil	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	27	16.00
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver, Tom Severt	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	20.00
Senter	Rex Jones, James Walters, W. M. T. Miller	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	80	21.50
South Fork	J. F. Royl, Arthur Douglas, Ben Weaver	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	26	5.00
Bear Creek	Elder Ed Severt, Callie Severt, S. J. Miller	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	27	8.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
BEAVER CREEK CHURCH,
Ashe County, North Carolina
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
September 11, 12, 13, 1953

OFFICERS

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator........Tuckerdale, N. C.

W. W. Miller, Clerk........Warrensville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

OF SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1953

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder C. B. Kilby.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis; Text: fourth chapter of Exodus, fifth verse.

After a short intermisison, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder Tom Jenkins.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, call for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis as moderator, and W. W. Miller as clerk.

4th. Call for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder C. N. Tilson.

Mountain: Elders C. B. Kilby, Coy Roberts, Stevey Roberts, Brethren C. G. Fender, J. I. Pasley.

Indian Creek: Elders R. R. Boothe, Neb Kilby.

Roaring River: Minutes.

Fisher's River: Elder J. G. Fulk.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clair's Bottom: None.

From Mountain: Robert Crouse, Robert Clarg, Con Reeves, Sister Candis Edwards, Florance Edwards, Mrs. Maxie Kilby, Raymon Nickles, Sister Stella McBride, J. A. Stamper and wife, M. A. Jenkins and wife, Sister Pearl Shevers.

From Indian Creek: Elders B. T. Jenkins, Eli Lilley, W. M. Server, V. C. Hatcher, Brethren D. R. Marshall, George Lambert, French Kennedy and wife, Marten Lester and wife, Mrs. I. W. Kilby, Wint McNeil and wife, and many others.

From Roaring River: None.

From Fisher's River: Elder F. P. Stone, Brother C. F. Gardner, Mrs. J. G. Fulk.

From Powell's Valley: Minutes.

On motion, we drop correspondence with Abbott's Creek and Upper Mayo Association.

6th. On motion, we seat the correspondent and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations.

7th. On motion, the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8th. He appointed a Committee on Ministry as follows: Brethren Felix Bare, G. E. Kilby, Callie Severt, with the messengers of this church.

9th. He appointed a Committee on Finance as follows: Brethren F. T. Miller, Edwin Hartzog, Elder P. T. McNeil.

10th. He appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows: Elders G. D. Roten, Ed Severt, Brother R. L. Speeks, with the moderator and clerk.

11th. He appointed a Committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Brethren Rex Jones, Clifford McNeil, Tom Severt.

12th. On motion, the Committee on Arragnements sit at Brother R. L. Speeks'.

13th. On motion, we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1953

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder C. N. Tilson.

2nd. Call the roll and erased the absentees.

3rd. On motion, we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion, the correspondents who were appointed to sister associations to report and excuse those who failed to go.

5th. On motion, call on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report. Their report is as follows:

St. Clair's Bottom: To begin on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1953—Elder Ed Severt, Brethren J. C. McNeil, G. E. Kilby.

The Mountain: To begin Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1954, and to be held with Zion Church, five miles below Sparta on Highway No. 18—Elder G. D. Roten, Brethren J. C. McNeil, Felix Bare, T. E. Hartzog.

Indian Creek: Beginning on Friday before the last Sunday in August, 1954, and to be held with the Little Meadow Church, on Route 20 out of Hinton—Elder Ed Davis, Brethren R. L. Speeks, F. T. Miller.

Fisher's River: To begin on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1954, and to be held with the church at Pilot Mountain, Route 52, south of Mt. Airy—Elder Ed Davis, Brethren Callie Severt, F. T. Miller.

Roaring River: Beginning on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1953, and to be held with the church at Woodruff—Elder G. D. Roten, Brethren R. L. Speeks, Rex Jones.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with Ebenezer, Powell's Valley and Washington Associations by minutes.

7th. That we have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in this minute.

8th. On motion, we appoint the clerk treasurer, and to superintend to the printing of these minutes; and to have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion, the next association be held with the church at Pond Mountain, seventeen miles North of West Jefferson by way of Lansing and Tuckerdale, and that Elder Leo Bagley preach the Introductory Sermon, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1954; Elder G. D. Roten, alternate.

10th. On motion, call on Finance Committee to report. Their report is as follows:

Received from all the churches	$178.00	
Allowed the Moderator		$ 15.00
Allowed the Clerk		15.00
Allowed for Minutes		35.00
Balance on Lumber and Rent Blocks		20.00
Allowed Correspondents		93.00
Total		$178.00
Received at stand Sunday	$104.00	

11th. On motion, the minutes be read.

12th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session, and that we adjourn with prayer by the moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.

W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Ed Davis; text: Exodus 4th chapter, 5th verse.

Friday Night—Elder C. N. Tilson, Elder Tom Jenkins.

Saturday Morning—Elder Coy Roberts to introduce. Elder W. M. Server; text: Rev. 21st chapter, 1st verse. Elder C. N. Tilson; text: Eph. 1st chapter, 1st verse.

Saturday Evening—Elder E. O. Lilly; text: 2nd Tim., 19th verse. Elder Webb Kilby; text: Who then can be saved?

Saturday Night at River View—L. A. Williams; text: Blessed be the Lord of my Master.

At Senter—Elder Stevey Roberts, Elder Webb Kilby.

Sunday Morning—Elder Ed Davis to introduce. Elder Stevey Roberts; text: Songs of Solomon, 5th verse. Elder Edgar Lilley; failed to get text. Elder C. B. Kilby; failed to get text.

Sunday Evening—Elder C. N. Tilson; text: Songs of Solomon, 5th chapter, 3rd verse. Elder J. G. Fulk; text: Isaiah, 59th chapter, 1st verse.

Moderator to close, Elder Ed Davis.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten, West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Leo V. Bagley, Crumpler, N. C.
Elder Ed Severt, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Elder P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby, Rugby, Va.

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Church and Number Minutes	Clerks and Post Office
Senter—45	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—25	F. F. Miller, Laurels Springs, N. C.
Beaver Creek—30	P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—30	W. W. Miller, Warrensville, N. C.
Pond Mountain—45	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek—20	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton—60	B. O. Dalingner, Lansing, N. C.
South Fork—20	Jenny Douglas, Piney Creek, N. C.
Bear Creek—20	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and No. of Minutes	Clerks and their Post Office
St. Clair's Bottom—15	Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—25	Elder C. B. Kilby, R. 3, Sparta, N. C.
Indian Creek—20	J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Fisher's River—15	O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.
Washington—15	Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va.
Ebenezer—15	W. Clayton Wynham, Brightwood, Va.
Powell's Valley—20	M. V. Browning, Box 52, Maynardsville, Tenn.
Roaring River—20	A. T. Whittington, No. Wilksboro, N. C.

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CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at the annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention with the Senter Church, 21st October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in this Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented in the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and the monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1st. We believe in the one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rules of Faith and practice.

3rd. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5th. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God and shall never finally fall away.

6th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe that the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the impressions of the hand by presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speceh by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

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OBITUARIES

W. A. JOHNSON

W. A. Johnson was born July 30, 1873; died Feb. 26, 1953. He was married to Biner Miller, Dec. 23, 1893. To this union were born nine children. His wife and two children preceded him in death; three girls and four boys: Adolphus Johnson, Warrensivlle, N. C.; Gather Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.; L. V. Johnson, West Jefferson, N. C.; Claud Johnson, Page, W. Va.; Mrs. Garner Johnson, Switchback, W. Va.; Mrs. W. W. Roland, Warrensville, N. C.; Mrs. Orren Weaver, Warrensville, N. C.; twenty-two grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren survive.

He professed a hope and joined the church at North Fork, about thirty years ago, making a devoted member till death; always went to church as long as he was able. The church has lost a devoted member, the children a good father. Their loss is his eternal gain. Sleep on, dear one, till the dear Lord awakens you in His blessed likeness.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	ADDRESS OF CLERKS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
POND MOUNTAIN	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.	Elder Ed Davis, C. N. Davis, Eddie Lyle								67	1	$ 15.00
BEAVER CREEK	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.	Elder P. T. McNeil, R. L. Speeks, G. Johnson								35	4	14.00
SENTER	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.	Rex Jones, Felix Bare, Bertie Bare	1							84	2	25.00
RIVER VIEW	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.	Elder G. D. Roten, Clifford McNeil, T. E. Hartzog							2	25	3	15.00
ROANS CREEK	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	F. T. Miller, Fred Weaver, Tom Severt	5							57	4	21.00
HORSE CREEK	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	Carl Ball, M. Davis, A. Landreth								26	4	10.00
BEAR CREEK	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.									26	1	14.00
NORTH FORK	W. W. Miller, Warrensville, N. C.	F. M. Roten, L. V. Johnson, W. W. Miller								36	1	24.00
BIG HILTON	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolenger, Bob Blevins								78	3	35.00
SOUTH FORK	Irene Douglas, Crumpler, N. C.	Elder Leo V. Bagley, Ben Weaver, Jennie Douglas								25		5.00
TOTALS			6	—	—	—	—	—	2	459	—	$178.00

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OFFICERS

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator	Tuckerdale, N. C.
W. W. Miller, Clerk	Warrensville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

OF SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1954

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order by prayer and praise by Elder Ed Davis.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Leo Bagley; Text: first chapter and first verse of St. Luke.

After a short intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house and were called to order by prayer by Elder H. B. Thomas.

1st. On motion, received and read letters from all our churches and seated the messengers.

2nd. On motion, call for petitionary letters. Received none.

3rd. On motion, organize the Association by electing Elder Ed Davis, moderator, and W. W. Miller as clerk.

4th. Call for correspondents from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

St. Clair's Bottom—None.

Mates Creek—Elder Fonso Justice, Elder Tedy Ball, Ira Smith, John Stiltner.

Mountain—L. E. Carrico, Elder Ed Douglas.

Indian Creek—Refrain from seating correspondents.

Roaring River—Carl Francis, Fasco Pruitt.

Fisher's River—Elder H. B. Thomas.

5th. On motion, called for transient and visiting brethren from sister associations. The following came forward and were seated:

From St. Clair's Bottom: Brother Rosco Price and wife.

From Mountain: Lon McReeves and wife, Reeves Douglas and wife, Mrs. Carrico, J. I. Pasley and wife, C. D. Murry and wife, Raymond Nichols and wife, Stella Wilson, Reed Island, F. W. Stockner.

From Pine View: E. C. Thompson.

From Roaring River: W. C. Hall, J. F. Coffee.

From Fisher's River: Oak Grove Church—Elder L. J. Martin, Jim Goade.

From Powell's Valley: Minutes.

From Baypine Church: Joel Simmons and wife, F. O. Shelton.

We will recognize the churches from New River and Mayo Associations, as far as it will not conflict with our correspondents.

6. On motion, we seat the correspondents and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations.

7. On motion, the moderator make all temporary appointments during this session.

8. Appointed a Committee on Ministry as follows: Fred Weaver, G. E. Kilby, Clifford McNeil, with the messengers of this church.

9. He appointed a Committee on Finance as follows: F. T. Miller, G. A. Miller, Edwin Hartzog.

10. He appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows: Elders G. D. Roten, Ed Severet, Brother B. O. Dolinger, with moderator and clerk.

11. He appointed a Committee to appoint correspondents to sister associations as follows: Brethren Bob Speeks, Rex Jones and Millard Davis.

12. On motion, the Committee on Arrangements sit at Elder Ed Davis'.

13. On motion, we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1954

1st. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday and was opened with prayer by Elder Tedy Ball.

2nd. Call the roll and erased the absentees.

3rd. On motion, we omit reading the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4th. On motion, the correspondents who were appointed to sister associations to report and excuse those who failed to go.

5th. On motion, call on committee that was to appoint correspondents to sister associations to report. This report is as follows:

St. Clair's Bottom: To begin on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1954, and to be held with St. Clair's Bottom Church—Elder P. T. McNeil, Elder Ed Severt, Brother J. C. McNeil.

Mates Creek: To be held with the Louise Church, Pike Co., Ky., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1955; go by Abingdon, Va. and Grunday, take 460 to association—Elders Ed Davis, G. D. Roten, Brethren Millard Davis, Callie Severt.

The Mountain: To begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1955 and to be held with Antaoch Church, 7 miles west of Sparta, on Jefferson Road—Fred Weaver, J. C. McNeil, Felix Bore, Rex Jones.

Fisher's River: To be held with the Mitchell's River Church, Surry County, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1955; come to Dodson, county seat of Surry, turn west to Capps Mill—Brethren Bob Blevins, Tom Severt, B. O. Dolinger, W. W. Miller.

Roaring River: To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1954; and to be held with the church at Double Creek—Brethren G. A. Miller, F. T. Miller, R. L. Speeks, G. E. Kilby.

6th. On motion, that we continue to correspond with Ebenezer, Powell's Valley and Washington Associations by minutes.

7th. That we omit the Constitution and Rules of Decorum in this minute.

8th. On motion, we appoint the clerk treasurer, and to superintend to the printing of these minutes; and to have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

9th. On motion, the next Association be held with the River View Church, 10 miles south of West Jefferson; to begin on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1955; that Elder G. D. Roten preach the Introductory; Elder E. Davis, Alternate.

10th. On motion, call on Finance Committee to report. Their report is as follows:

Received from all the churches	$148.00	
Allowed the Moderator		$ 15.00
Allowed the Clerk		15.00
Allowed for Minutes		35.00
Allowed Correspondents		83.00
Total	$148.00	$148.00
Received at the stand Sunday	$ 84.00	

11th. On motion, the minutes be read.

12th. On motion, that we return thanks to God for His mercy and to the brethren, sisters and kind friends for their kind hospitality during this session, and that we adjourn with prayer by the moderator.

ELDER ED DAVIS, Moderator.

W. W. MILLER, Clerk.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Leo Bagley; Text: 1st chapter and 1st verse St. Luke.

Friday Night—at Beaver Creek—Elders Tedy Ball and Fonso Justice.

Saturday Morning—Elder Fonso Justice; Text, 7th chapter Romans. Elder J. L. Martin; no special text.

Saturday Evening—Elder Tedy Ball; Text: Remove not the ancient landmark.

Saturday Night—at Beaver Creek, Elder Ed Douglas.

Sunday Morning—Elder Ed Davis to Introduce, Elder H. B. Thomas; Text: Exodus 1st. chapter. Elder G. D. Roten; Text: Matt. 1:21. Elder Coy Walker; Text: Gen. 8th. chapter.

Sunday Evening—Elder Ed Douglas; Text: John 5:24. Elder Ed Davis to close.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Ed Davis, Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten, Idlewild, N. C.
Elder Ed Severt, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Elder P. T. McNeil, West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby, Rugby, Va.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes	Clerks and Post Office
Senter—60	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.
Roans Creek—25	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.
Beaver Creek—30	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.
River View—25	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.
North Fork—40	W. W. Miller, Warrensville, N. C.
Pond Mountain—55	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.
Horse Creek—20	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton—60	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.
South Fork—20	Ben Weaver, Piney Creek, N. C.
Bear Creek—20	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and Number of Minutes	Clerks and Their Post Office
St. Clair's Bottom—15	Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va.
Mountain—25	Elder C. B. Kilby, R. 3, Sparta, N. C.
Mates Creek—20	Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky.
Fishers River—15	O. W. Sisk, King, N. C.
Washington—15	Harmon Kiser, Cleveland, Va.
Ebenezer—15	W. C. Wynham, Brightwood, Va.
Powells Valley—20	M. V. Browning, Box 52, Maynardsville, Tenn.
Roaring River—20	A. T. Whittington, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our sister churches and to peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following times and churches:

Bear Creek—First Sunday in May
Senter—Second Sunday in June
River View—Third Sunday in June
South Fork—Fourth Sunday in June
North Fork—First Sunday in July
Big Helton—Third Sunday in July
Horse Creek—Fourth Sunday in July
Roans Creek—Fourth Sunday in July
Pond Mountain—First Sunday in August
Beaver Creek—Third Sunday in August

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES

1st. We believe in the one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2nd. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rules of Faith and practice.

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8th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the impressions of the hand by presbytery.

OBITUARIES

EDIE MILLER SHEETS.

She was born Jan. 19, 1860; died April 16, 1954; age 84 years, two months, 16 days. She was first married to John Miller. To this union was born one child: Mary Pennington, Apple Grove, N. C. She then married T. Reed Sheets. To this union were born three children: two boys, one girl—Author, R. D., and Victora Sheets. Preceding in death, Victora Eldrith, of Tuckerdale, N. C. Also, 21 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, 22 great great-grandchildren, survive. She has been a member of Horse Creek Church for 74 years and a very devoted member; going to church as long as she was able.

She was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is her eternal gain. Sleep on, dear one, till the Lord awakes you in His likeness.

J. H. ELDRITH.

He was born September 19, 1865; died June fourth, 1953; age 88 years, five months, four days. He was married to Amanda Davis Eldrith, May sixth, 1885. To this union were born four children, three boys, one girl—Grover C. Eldrith, Tuckerdale, N. C., W. M. A. Eldrith, Tuckerdale, N. C., Ora Sheets, Tuckerdale, N. C., John C. Eldrith, who preceded him in death; 15 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren. He joined the church at Horse Creek over 65 years ago. Later moved his membership to Pond Mountain, where he remained a devoted member until death. He served as a deacon for 60 years. He fought a good fight and kept the faith, and loved by all.

The church has lost a good and devoted member. The children and grandchildren a good father. Our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Dock has gone home to live with Jesus for ever more.

CICIRO W. SPENCER.

Ciciro W. Spencer was born February 22, 1866; departed this life September 29, 1953: age 87 years, 7 months, 7 days. He was the son of William and Ala Spencer. He was married to Jettie Osborn in early life. To this union were born five children—four girls, one boy. He leaves two Brothers, one Sister, 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren to mourn.

He was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist Doctrine. He never failed to go to church as long as he was able. The church has lost a faithful member and the home a loving father. So sleep on, dear father, until the blessed Lord awakes you in His likeness.

MARY JANE HARTZOG

Mary Jane Hartzog was born January 7, 1863; departed this life March 29, 1953. She was married to J. F. Hartzog December 11, 1884. To this union were born three sons—Wiley G., Edwin, and B. K. She was baptized by Elder H. B. Miller in 1893. She was devoted and faithful to the cause of our blessed Master until death. Sleep on, dear Mother, until the Lord awakes you in His blessed likeness.

Written by Edwin and Lizzie.

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CHURCHES	ADDRESS OF CLERKS	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp & Bap	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
BEAVER CREEK	G. A. Miller, West Jefferson, N. C.	R. L. Speeks, G. Johnson, G. A. Miller					1			34	4	$ 15.00
BEAR CREEK	S. J. Miller, Wagoner, N. C.	Callie Severt, Earl Severt, S. J. Miller	2						1	27	1	14.00
BIG HELTON	B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C.	G. E. Kelby, B. O. Dolinger, Bob Blevins							3	75	3	25.00
HORSE CREEK	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	Carl Ball, A. Eldrith, M. Davis					1			24	4	14.00
POND MOUNTAIN	C. N. Davis, Whitetop, Va.	Eld. E. Davis, C. N. Davis, G. C. Eldrith		1					1	67	1	18.00
NORTH FORK	W. W. Miller, Warrensville, N. C.	W. W. Miller, M. Roten, L. Johnson								36	1	12.00
RIVER VIEW	T. E. Hartzog, Idlewild, N. C.	Elder G. D. Roten, Clifford McNeil, T. E. Hartzog								25	3	15.00
ROANS CREEK	F. T. Miller, Laurel Springs, N. C.	F. T. Miller, T. O. Thompson, Fred Weaver						2		55	4	8.00
SENTER	Rex Jones, Crumpler, N. C.	Felix Bare, H. M. Bare, John Woodruff							2	84	2	22.00
SOUTH FORK	Ben Weaver, Piney Creek, N. C.	Ben Weaver, Kemper Douglas, Roy Douglas					3		1	21	4	5.00
TOTALS			2	1			5	2	8	448		$148.00

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association
Held with Horse Creek Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1960

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year, and was called to order with Prayer by Elder Ring Singleton, visitor from the Washington Association.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: Titus 1, 2, "IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH GOD, THAT CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN."

After a short interval the messengers assembled in church, called to order by Elder C. C. Sawyer visitor from the Mountain Association, who led in Prayer.

First: On motion letters from the churches read, Correspondents seated.

Second: On motion call for petition letters, received none.

Third: On motion the Association re-elected:

Elder Ed Davis	Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt	Clerk

Fourth: On motion called for correspondents from Sister Associations; the following were seated, given the Right Hand of Welcome.

Fisher's River Association
    Elder H. B. Thomas

Mates Creek Association

Mountain Association

Piney Grove Association
    Elder M. O. Stephens
    Elder Edd Priddy
    Elder Joel A. Simmons

Roaring River Association
    Brother W. C. Hall

St. Clair's Bottom Association
    Brother Burnie Heath
    Brother R. C. Price
    Brother Quinnon Dancey

United Primitive Baptist Association
    Elder V. E. Ogle
    Brother E. C. Thompson

Indian Creek Association

Washington Association

Fifth: On motion call for transient and visiting Brethren from Sister Associations, the following were seated:

Fisher's River Association
Elder E. L. Hunter
Brother J. M. Hunter
Brother O. W. Sisk and Wife
Sister Lester Nelson

Indian Creek Association
Brother Luther Easter and Wife
Brother Wint McNeill and Wife
Brother J. L. Davis

Mates Creek Association

Mountain Association
Elder Ed Douglas
Elder C. C. Sawyer
Elder Coy Walker
Elder Raleigh Joines and Wife
Deacon Lonnie Reeves and Wife
Brother G. R. Douglas and Wife
Brother Robert Clarie
Brother J. L. Green and Wife
Brother Willie Joines and Wife
Brother Jack Reeves and Wife

Piney Grove Association
Brother Ralph Farris

Roaring River Association
Elder C. D. Hall and Wife

St. Clair's Bottom Association
Sister Nannie Perry
Sister Ada Walton
Sister R. C. Price
Sister Quinnon Dancey

United Primitive Baptist Association
Elder Richard L. Bond
Sister Della Horton

Washington Association
    Elder Ring Singleton
    Elder R. C. Compton
    Elder Lester Barker
    Licenate Robert Boston
    Brother W. R. Mullins
    Brother Grady Sykes
    Sister Ellen Breeding

Sixth: On motion Correspondents and Visitors from Sister Associations were seated.

Seventh: On motion the Moderator makes temporary appointments in this Session.

Eighth: On motion that Elder C. C. Sawyers, and Elder Ed Douglas preach at the stand.

Ninth: On motion Committee on Ministry:
    Elder G. D. Roten
    Brother Fred Weaver
    Brother B. O. Dollinger

Tenth: On motion Committee on Finance:
    Brother Carl Ball
    Brother Gaither Kilby
    Brother Jim Walters

Eleventh: On motion Committee on Arrangements:
    Elder G. D. Roten
    Brother Abner Severt
    Brother Bob Speaks
    Brother G. O. Blevins
    Brother Lester Johnson

Twelfth: On motion Committtee on Correspondence:
    Brother Gaither Johnson
    Elder G. D. Roten
    Brother Millard Davis

Thirteenth: On motion that the Committee on Arrangements meet at Brother Millard Davis' home.

Fourteenth: On motion to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1960

The Association met as scheduled, was called to order by song and prayer. Elder Richard L. Bond visitor from the United Primitive Baptist Association officiated.

ON MOTION:

First: Roll called, absentees excused.

Second: Reading of Constitution, also Rules of Decorum omitted.

Third: The Correspondents appointed to Sister Associations last year were asked to report; reports acknowledged, those who failed excused.

Fourth: Committee on correspondents to Sister Associations met, reported as follows.

Fishers River: Elder Wiley Hester, Elder Ed Davis, Brother Millard Davis, Brother Tom Severt, Brother Jim Walters. The next Association will be held at Rock House Church in Stokes County, N. C., located on N. C. Highway No. 268, approximately 8 miles East of Pilot Mountain, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in July, 1961.

Indian Creek: Elder Wiley Hester, Elder Ed Severt, Deacon R. L. Speaks. Next session to be held with the Greenbrier Church, on route 3, about 7 miles east of Hinton, W. Va. Convenes on Friday before the last Sunday in August, 1960.

Mates Creek: Elder Ed Davis, Deacon Bertie Bare, Brother Earl W. Severt. To be held with Old Pond Church at Belfry, Ky. Go by way of Damascus, Abingdon, Lebanon, Raven, Grundy, Va., Phelps, Ky., Matewan, W. Va., Hardy, Ky., to Belfry, Ky. Begins on Friday before the First Sunday in Sept., 1960.

Mountain: Elder G. D. Roten, Deacon Fred Weaver. Being held with Crab Creek Church, on Highway 18 approximately ten miles east of Sparta, N. C. To begin on Friday before 1st Sunday in September, 1960.

Piney Grove: Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Ed Severt, Elder Wiley Hester. Convenes with Shiloh Church, located in Rockingham County, near Mayodan, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1961.

Roaring River: Elder Ed Davis, Elder G. D. Roten, Deacon Ed Barker, Deacon Fred Weaver, Deacon F. T. Miller. To convene with Mulberry Church. Will be held at Cross Roads Church, about 8 miles north of North Wilkesboro, N. C. Starts on Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1960.

St. Clair's Bottom: Elder Ed Davis, Elder P. T. McNiell, Elder Ed Severt, Brother Gaither Blevins, Brother G. E. Kilby. Convening with Tumbling Creek Church, four miles west of Saltville, Va., in Poore Valley. Commencing on Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1960.

United Primitive Baptist: Elder G. D. Roten, Brother Clifford McNiell, Deacon F. T. Miller, Brother Frank Thompson. Next session convenes with Liberty Hill Church, located five miles from Hillsville, Va., short distance off Route 100, beginning Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1961.

Washington: Elder Ed Davis, Elder Wiley Hester, Elder G. D. Roten, Elder Ed Severt, Brother Tom Severt. Will be held with the Slate Creek Church, about eight miles out of Grundy, Va. Turn right in Grundy. Church is near Highway. Session starts on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1960.

Fifth: Continue correspondence with Powell's Valley Association by minutes approved.

Sixth: Rules of Decorum and Constitution to appear in Minutes.

Seventh: To appoint the Clerk as Treasurer, also overseeing printing of six hundred Minutes and handling the distribution of same.

Eighth: Next session of the Association to convene with Beaver Creek Church. Located about one mile Southwest of West Jefferson, N. C. Travel route 194 to Beaver Creek Road. Church located within sight after turning on Beaver Creek Road. Beginning on Friday before the Third Sunday in August, 18th, 19th, 20th, 1961.

Elder Ed Davis to deliver Introductory Sermon.
Elder G. D. Roten Alternate.

Ninth: Finance Committee reported, as follows:

Returned from last year	$ 2.00
Received from churches	176.00
Total Revenue	$178.00

Expenditures	
Moderator	15.00
Clerk	15.00
Printing and postage of minutes	60.00
Correspondents	88.00
Total Expenditures	$178.00

Contributions received Sunday from Friends, Sisters, Brethren, for expenses of Corresponding and Visiting Elders	$152.00

Tenth: Obituaries to appear in minutes.

Eleventh: Minutes be read and approved.

Twelfth: Adjourned through Prayer led by Elder G. D. Roten and with the Lords' Blessings shall gather at the church named above.

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator

Bro. Earl W. Severt Clerk

Thus closed another conclave of the Senter Association with Joy, Trust and Tranquility being ever present THROUGHOUT OUR FELLOWSHIP. —Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, August 19, 1960. Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder G. D. Roten. Text: Titus 1:2, "IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE, WHICH GOD, THAT CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN."

Friday Afternoon:
Elder C. C. Sawyer
Elder Ed Douglas

Friday Night at Senter Church:
Elder Richard L. Bond
Elder V. E. Ogle

Saturday, August 20, 1960:
Elder M. O. Stephens
Elder Joel A. Simmons
Elder Ed Preddy

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder H. B. Thomas
Elder E. L. Hunter
Elder Raleigh Compton

Saturday Night at Big Helton Church:
Elder Richard L. Bond
Elder V. E. Ogle

Sunday, August 21, 1960:
Elder Richard L. Bond
Elder Raleigh Joines

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder Ring Singleton
Elder Lester Barker

Elder Ed Davis, Moderator of our Association, closed the three day Session through Song followed by Prayer.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Ed Davis	Tuckerdale, N. C.
Elder W. E. Hester	Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Blair Kilby	Peach Bottom, Penn.
Elder P. T. McNiell	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder G. D. Roten	West Jefferson, N. C.
Elder Ed Severt	Laurel Springs, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and number of minutes	Clerks and their addresses
Bear Creek—25	Earl W. Severt; West Jefferson, N. C.
Beaver Creek—25	G. A. Miller; West Jefferson, N. C.
Big Helton—60	B. O. Dolinger; Lansing, N. C.
Horse Creek—25	Carl Ball; West Jefferson, N. C.
North Fork—30	
Pond Mountain—60	Eddie Lyalls; Tuckerdale, N. C.
River View—30	T. E. Hartzog; Idlewild, N. C.
Roans Creek—45	F. T. Miller; Sparta, N. C.
Senter—60	Rex Jones; Crumpler, N. C.
South Fork—20	Ben Weaver, Piney Creek, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Association and number of minutes	Clerks and their addresses
Ebenezer—15	Carrol R. Shuler; Stanley, Va.
Fishers River—20	Curtis Harbour; Rt. 2, Dobson, N. C.
Indian Creek—15	J. R. Lilly; Box 136, Hinton, W. Va.
Mates Creek—20	Stearl Hatfield; McCarr, Ky.
Mountain—25	Lon Mac Reeves; Sparta, N. C.
Piney Grove—15	S. O. Shelton; Rt. 2, Westfield, N. C.
Powells Valley—15	Clarence Hensley; Pineville, Ky.
Roaring River—25	John D. Hall; 278 South St.. Elkin, N. C.
St. Clair's Bottom—15	Elder C. N. Tilson; Chilhowie, Va.
United P. B. in Va.—20	Elder E. S. Salmons; Floyd, Va.
Washington—25	Elder L. S. Street; Grundy, Va.

WISHING WELL

To our Visiting Brethren and Friends we of the Senter Association wish at this time to thank you most heartily for your grand display publicly in personally attending our recent gathering. We feel and now know you also want to continue in furthering the WORD of GOD. There is no better way than was affected by your gracious turnout.

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH. Clerk.

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our Sister Churches and to the Peace-Loving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following Churches. The dates also listed for your convenience.

Bear Creek .... 1st Saturday and Sunday, May 6th and 7th, 61
Beaver Creek, 4th Saturday and Sunday, May 27th and 28th, 61
Senter ..... 2nd Saturday and Sunday, June 10th and 11th, 61
River View .. 3rd Saturday and Sunday, June 17th and 18th, 61
North Fork .... 1st Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd, 61
South Fork .... 2nd Saturday and Sunday, July 8th and 9th ,61
Big Helton .. 3rd Saturday and Sunday, July 15th and 16th, 61
Horse Creek, 4th Saturday and Sunday, July 22nd and 23rd, 61
Roans Creek, 4th Saturday and Sunday, July 22nd and 23rd, 61
Pond Mountain, 1st Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5th and 6th, 61

LEST WE FORGET

In our everyday life of hustle we continually find ourselves forgetting—yes occassionally forgetting even those who when on Earth meant so much to us, especially when in our Trials and Tribulations They and They alone seemed the only one of all the people we knew that we could turn to.

Now since through God's Grace they are resting, can but we take time out if only just once a year to make amends for this forgetfulness by sending to us the names you so dearly loved, whereby we all will remember those who preceded us in God's Merited SLUMBER.

DO UNTO OTHERS AS WE WOULD WANT THEM TO DO UNTO US . . . Clerk

OBITUARIES

DEACON WALTER W. MILLER

Walter W. Miller born October 18, 1890. The youngest Son of the late W. W. and Colia Miller. Departed this life July 20th 1960, making his stay upon earth 69 years, 9 months and 2 days.

Mr. Miller was united in Matrimony to Ada May on February 14, 1914. In this union he was blessed with five children, Mrs. Kathleen Baker and Harold G. Miller of West Jefferson, N. C., Mrs. Loxie Swafford, Mrs. Cleta Williams of Charlotte, N. C. and Bernard Miller of Lansing, N. C.

Since the passing of Mrs. Miller in 1937, Mr. Miller married Carrie Weaver in 1939, who as a faithful wife he cherished and loved until sleep overtook him.

While Deacon Miller's two brothers, David and William passed on before him, his two Sisters, Mrs. Burlie Miller of Lansing, N. C. and Mrs. Bertha May of Martinsville, Va., survive.

Deacon Miller united with the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in June, 1938.

Deacon Miller's deep-seated principles of CHRISTIAN FAITH made him outstanding in our association, always an inspiration. He was firm in his belief, never deviating, but always strong in expressing Salvation alone by the GRACE OF GOD. He was also a great teacher for obedience, equally firm as a disciplinarian in chastisement following disobedience.

Deacon Miller's love of God's creatures won for him a warm spot in the hearts of all who had the pleasure of knowing Him.

Deacon Miller's many thoughful acts and kindness in regards to his Personal Family can be attested to by their Great Loss.

Deacon Miller, one more of God's Loved ones having received his peace loving reward as promised.

WILEY BURGESS

Wiley Burgess, the son of George and Hannah Black Burgess, was born February 27, 1878 and passed on October 8, 1959 at the age of eighty-one years, seven months and eleven days.

Mr. Burgess professed hope in Christ and joined River View Primitive Baptist Church some thirty years ago.

He was married to Nancy Matilda Absher, December, 1898. To this Union were born eleven children, two of which passed on in infancy. His son, Alton P. Burgess, also passed away April of this year.

Mr. Burgess is survived by his wife, Matilda Absher Burgess, three Sons, G. O. Burgess and Woodrow F. Burgess, of West Jefferson, N. C., Edward Burgess of Mountain City, Tenn., Five daughters, Mrs. Ada Severt, Mrs. Ester South, Mrs. Hazel Bare, Mrs. Evazella Parsons, West Jefferson, N. C., and Mrs. Chessie Faw, Waynesburg, Ky. Thirty-one grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren; two brothers, Cicero Burgess of Wilbar, N. C. and Roby Burgess of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Sheets and Mrs. Sallie Sheets of Scottsville, N. C., Mrs. Julie Eller of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

A host of other relatives and friends to mourn our loss.

We feel our loss is his Eternal Gain.

MRS. G. W. CAUDILL

Mrs. Rosie Severt Caudill passed away at 10:30 p.m., Saturday, January 23rd, 1960, the wife of George W. Caudill. Mrs. Caudill was born in 1866 in Ashe County, N. C. the daughter of Jackson and Caroline Severt.

Mrs. Caudill is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Burgess of West Jefferson, N. C., Six sons, Todd and Ted of Glendale Springs, N. C.; Robert of Powell, Wyoming; Felix of Columbus, Ohio; Darius of Concord, N. C.; Edd of Greensboro, Md.; 37 grandchildren; Two brothers and a sister.

She spent the better part of her life in Ashe County, N. C., having been married to Mr. Caudill for about 75 years.

Mrs. Caudill joined the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church at an early age, where she remained a faithful member until her passing to her Eternal Rest.

Sleep on God's Little Ones, until Your Saviour comes in the Clouds of His Glory, to Resurrect the Sleeping.

Clerk

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in nowise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also from the Three Fork Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Fork Association, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by their respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, 21st. October, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead, since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any classical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the Union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular **Decorum.**

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any Sister Association, upon application by letter and Delegates, shall be admitted into our Union.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the number of the proceedings; the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general Union of Churches; to endeavor to preserve a change of communion among the churches; to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the Union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living GOD, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of GOD and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the Doctrine of Election by GRACE.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will ABILITY.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and Sanctified by the HOLY SPIRIT, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the SPIRIT OF GOD shall never fall finally AWAY.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of GOD only by the imputed RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST.

7. We believe that BAPTISM and the LORD'S SUPPER are ordinances of JESUS CHRIST and that true believers are the only SUBJECTS of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of BAPTISM is by IMMERSION.

8. We believe in the RESURRECTION of the DEAD and a general ENJOYMENT and the JOYS of the RIGHTEOUS and that the punishment of the Wicked will be ETERNAL.

9. We believe that no MINISTER has the right to administer the ORDINANCES of the GOSPEL except such as are regularly called, and come under the IMPOSITION of HANDS by THE PRESBYTERY.

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Beaver Creek	G. A. Miller West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Woodrow Burgess, R. L. Speaks, Gaither Johnson	May	4	1	2					24	12.00
Big Helton	B. O. Dolinger Lansing, N. C.	Bro. G. E. Kilby, B. O. Dolinger, G. O. Blevins	July	3	1					3	66	30.00
Horse Creek	Carl Ball, West Jefferson, N. C.	Bro. Carl Ball, Millard Davis, Arthur Eldreth	July	4							23	11.00
North Fork		Bro. J. F. Miller, Lester Johnson, Ben Roten	July	1						1	29	19.00
Pond Mtn.	Eddie Lyle Tuckerdale, N. C.	Eld. Edd Davis, Edd Barker Eddie Lyle	Aug.	1	1					1	67	20.00
River View	T. E. Hartzog Idlewild, N. C.	Eld. G. D. Roten, T. E. Hartzog, J. C. McNeill	June	3	1	4		1		1	27	21.00
Roans Creek	F. T. Miller Sparta, N. C.	Bro. Fred Weaver, F. T. Miller, Donald Thompson	July	4							51	19.50
Senter	Rex Jones Crumpler, N. C.	Bro. Rex Jones, Bertie Bare, Jim Walters	June	2						1	74	25.00
South Fork	Ben Weaver Piney Creek, N. C.	Not Represented	July	2							19	
		Totals......................			6	6		1		8	404	$176.00

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MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
Senter Church
Ashe County, North Carolina
September 12, 13 and 14
1986

The next session will convene with Roans Creek Church located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Highway 88 East out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles.

September 11, 12, and 13, 1987

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

Held at Senter Church

Friday, September 12, 1986

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Norman Bowman from Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Woodlawn, Va.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Richalands, Virginia, text: John, Chapter 11, verse 47.

The Association was opened by prayer by Elder Curtis Hash of the Mountain District Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Steve Douglas as Moderator; Elder James McNeill as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Thomas Farmer, Jr.
Brother Arthur Gambill
Brother Garfield Dillard
Brother Greene Ward
Brother and Sister G. R. Douglas
Elder Curtis Hash

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina
Elder Gene Watson
Sister Barbara W. Reeves
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Doshie Whittington

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia
Elder George McNure

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES

Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina
Elder Wayne Gibbons

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of West Virginia
Elder Norvel P. Mann
Elder Paul E. Williams
Sister Reba M. Williams
Sister Madge Mann

Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina
Brother Scott Bullard

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother and Sister John Lawrence

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Elder and Sister Norman Bowman
Sister Maylease Mabe

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Glenn Blevins

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Sister Virginia Hylton

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Deacon Paul Bare
Brother Norman Brown
Brother Larry Davis

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder Jack McGinnis
Elder Floyd South
Elder C. O. Yates
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:
Brother Don Walters
Elder James McNeill
Elder Floyd South
Delegates from Senter Church.

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Saturday, September 12, 1986

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South of Beaver Creek Church, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the Association was in error in bringing action against Meadow Fork Church since it is an independent church. Last year's motion was dismissed.

5. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elders to preach introductory sermon.

6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1987, at Roans Creek Church.

7. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 11, and 12, 1987, with Roans Creek Church.

8. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

9. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

10. The Clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

11. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

12. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

13. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1986

Received From Churches:

Beaver Creek	$75.00
Big Helton	86.00
Horse Creek	30.00
North Fork	115.00
Riverview	125.00
Roans Creek	89.00
Senter	110.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	**$630.00**

Treasury Report:

Balance from Last Year (Correction)	$452.67
Paid out for Printing and Postage of minutes last year	325.04
Treasurer returned from last year	.00
Received from donations Saturday and Sunday	470.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	**1,100.00**

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$10.00
To the Assistant Moderator	10.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	10.00
Put in Treasury for Printing & Postage of Minutes	350.00
Miscellaneous (Paid to Senter Church)	50.00
To visiting Elders	610.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**1,100.00**
BALANCE	**452.67**

14. Minutes read and approved.

15. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder Steve Douglas, Moderator
Elder James McNeill, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walter, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Norman Bowman (introduced)
Elder Paul Williams, (introductory sermon - John, Chapter 11, verse 47.)
Elder Curtis Hash, (opened business session with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Floyd South, (introduced)
Elder Jack McGinnis, (St. Luke, Chapter 10, verse 35)
Elder Curtis Hash, (Psalm, Chapter 50, verse 9)
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Elder James McNeill (introduced)
Elder George McNure, (Hebrews, Chapter 10, verse 23)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder George McNure, (introduced)
Elder Norman Bowman, (Romans, Chapter 8, verse 1)
Elder Gene Watson, (Matthew, Chapter 5, verse 9)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Norvel Mann, (Romans, Chapter 5, verse 12)
Elder Wayne Gibbons, (Galatians, Chapter 1, verse 8)
Elder James McNeill, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder James McNeill, (introduced)
Elder Wayne Gibbons, (Hebrews, Chapter 11, verse 21)
Elder George McNure, (Ephesians, Chapter 6, verse 14)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Norman Bowman, (introduced)
Elder Jack McGinnis, (John, Chapter 8, verse 1)
Elder George McNure, (Philippians, Chapter 3, verse 10)
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY

The Primitive Baptist Library is located near the town of Elon College, NC, on Highway 87, 10 miles north of Burlington. The present library building was erected in 1950 and is of brick-faced, fireproof construction. Elder W. J. Berry founded the library and spent many years collecting many books and periodicals of interest to Primitive Baptists. There are many rare volumes by the Pruitan authors of the 18th and 19th centuries, and many books and publications by the Strict Baptist of England; as well as various books and publications by the Primitive Baptists including associational minutes. The materials are available for research to all Primitive Baptists, regardless of factions. Visitors are welcome at all times.

Since the death of Elder Berry, many have asked about the future of the library. The library operates under a board of trustees who will continue to keep the library open and available for all who may be interested. The Board of Trustees is now seeking to replace the roof on the library building, and any contributions to aid in this project will be greatly appreciated. Communications should be made to Mrs. Mabel Berry, Sec.-Treasurer, Rt. 2, Box 422, Elon College, NC 27244.

BERTIE LEE BARE

Brother Bertie Lee Bare of Route 1, Jefferson, NC, passed away Sunday, July 20, 1986, at Ashe Memorial Hospital. He was born September 11, 1909, in Ashe County to Felix and Lola Taylor Bare.

Mr. Bare is survived by his wife, Ella Mae Bare; one daughter, Anne Marie Caraway; and two grandchildren, Kimberly and Bo. Also surviving are three sisters, Dora Bare of Sparta, Mazie Sturgill of Piney Creek; and Audrey Ming of Sparr, Florida; two brothers, Willie of Jefferson and Brantley of Crumpler.

Military services were held Wednesday, July 23, 1986, at 11:00 A.M., at Senter Primitive Baptist Church where he was a member and a deacon. Elder Steve Douglas, Elder James McNeill, and Elder Floyd South officiated with burial following in the church cemetery.

Brother and Sister Bare united with Senter Primitivej Church on May 13, 1951; they were baptized the same day. In August, 1956, he was ordained deacn at Senter Church.

Brother Bare was an active deacon and a faithful member who alway gave his full support to his church and to sister churches.

LESLEY VANCE JOHNSON

Brother Lesley Vance Johnson was born to W. A. and Biner Johnson on August 12, 1903. He departed this life July 17, 1986, making his stay on earth 82 years. He married Maggie Weaver who survives, along with three children; a son, Roger, of Landis, NC; two daughters, Ann J. Goodman, West Jefferson, NC; Eileen Honeycutt, Landis, NC; two brothers, Claude Johnson, Newark, N.J., and Gaither Johnson, West Jefferson, NC; two sisters, Gladys Roland, and Nina Weaver, Warrensville, NC. Fourteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren also survive.

Brother Johnson professed a hope and joined North Fork Church many years ago. He will be missed by the church and his many relatives and friends.

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Elder Steve Douglas, Route 1, Box 466, Crumpler, NC 28617 phone: (919) 982-3802

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elder Floyd South and
Elder Steve Douglas
BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas
HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK - Elder Steve Douglas
RIVERVIEW - Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates,
James McNeill
ROANS CREEK - Elder Floyd South
SENTER - Elder Steve Douglas;
Elder Dewey Roten, Associate Pastor

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes
Clerk and Their Addresses

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters, Route 2, Box 129, Fleetwood,NC 28626 20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 20
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 10
NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 20
RIVERVIEW: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626 30
ROANS CREEK: G. L. Mash, Route 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 35
SENTER: Bobby Absher, Route 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 45

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Mountain: Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333 20
Bear Creek: William J. Sparks, 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040
Silver Creek: Elder Gene Watson, 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 20
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 2
The Primitive Baptist Library: Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244 2
The American Baptist Historical Society: 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620 2
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109 ..2
The Christian Baptist Library: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, Tennessee 2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in May
Senter-2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
Riverview-3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
Horse Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in June
North Fork-1st Saturday and Sunday in July
Big Helton-3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
Roans Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall stricity adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member ot the Associations shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he give his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A. C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Associaition shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written work of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sancitifed by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAVER CREEK - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., and fourth Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK-Sunday (only), 11 a.m., following the fourth Saturday. A white, wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

NORTH FORK-Sunday (only), 2 p.m., following the first. Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville NC, and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The first and third Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., following the third Saturday. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK-Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SENTER-Second Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH ORGANIZED	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	COMMUNION MONTH	SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS	ORDAINED ELDERS	LIBERATED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED TO FEL.		DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTION
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Brother Larry Davis, Brother Floyd South, Brother Don Walters, Brother Robert Koontz, Alt.	May	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	17	$ 75.00
1840	BIG HELTON	Brother Grover Burchette	July	3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	14	86.00
1840	HORSE CREEK	Brother Calvin Barker	June	1 4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	5	30.00
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Grover Burchette	JULY	1	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1	16	115.00
1898	RIVERVIEW	Brother C. O. Yates, Brother Jack McGinnis, Brother James McNeill, Brother Paul Miller, Alt.	June	1 3	4	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	27	125.00
1869	ROANS CREEK	Brother Guy Reeves, Brother Richard Bare Brother Millard Bare, Brother G. L. Mash, Alt.	July	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	36	89.00
1829	SENTER	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Norman Brown, Brother Garvey Davis, Alt.	June	2	1	0	0	0	0		0	1	1	57	110.00
		TOTALS			**6**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**		**0**	**2**	**3**	**172**	**$630.00**

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The next session will convene with Riverview Church located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on State Road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1988

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

Held at Roans Creek Church
Friday, September 11, 1987

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Curtis Hash from Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church, Galax, Virginia.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Dan Parker from Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, Shady Rest, Tennessee.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Jack McGinnis as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder and Sister Curtis Hash
Brother and Sister Carl Williams

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:
Elder Gene Watson and Wife
Sister Doshie Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Barbara W. Reeves

CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia:
Elder Denver Hollingsworth

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Salisury Primitive Baptist Church
Elder and Sister Wayne Gibbons

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church
Sister Jessie Tuggle Adams
Brother Howard Davis
Sister Sibyl Davis

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia:
Sister Virginia C. Hylton and Husband

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church of Tennessee:
Elder Dan Parker
Elder Jeff Patterson

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia:
Elder and Sister Norman Bowman

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Deacon Paul Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Brother Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Elder Jack McGinnis
Elder Floyd South
Brother Norman Brown
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Brother Paul Bare
Delegates from Roans Creek Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet at lunch for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1987

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jeff Patterson.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll was called.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we put in the Constitution that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elders to preach the introductory sermon.

5. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1988, at Riverview Church.

7. Night Meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 9 and 10, 1988, with Riverview Church.

8. The Clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

9. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

10. The Clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

11. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

12. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

13. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1987

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

Beaver Creek	$85.00
Big Helton	50.00
Horse Creek	35.00
North Fork	115.00
Riverview	110.00
Roans Creek	97.00
Senter	185.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	$677.00

TREASURY REPORT:

Balance from last year	$491.32
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes last year	323.40
Treasurer returned from last year	26.60
Received from donations Sat. and Sun.	520.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	$1,720.55

EXPENDITURES:

To the Moderator	$10.00
To the Assistant Moderator	10.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	10.00
Put in treasury for Printing and Postage of Minutes	350.00
MISCELLANEOUS:	
Paid to Roans Creek Church	50.00
To visiting Elders	733.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$1,223.00

BALANCE..$497.55

14. Minutes read and approved.

15. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C.O. Yates of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Jack McGinnis, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (introductory sermon)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth (opened business with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Norman Bowman (introduced)
Elder Jeff Patterson
Elder Curtis Hash
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:
Elder Denver Hollingworth (introduced)
Elder Tim Brooks
Elder Jack McGinnis (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Floyd South (introduced)
Elder Jeff Patterson
Elder Dan Parker

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Wayne Gibbons (introduced)
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Norman Bowman (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder Jack McGinnis (introduced)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Steve Douglas (introduced)
Elder Norman Bowman
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

FAY McGINNIS
Wife of Elder Jack McGinnis

Fay Dillard McGinnis was born in Ashe County, N.C. on Marh 18, 1924 to Ned and Nancy Dillard and died Wednesday morning, June 17, 1987 at Wilkes General Hospital in Wilkes County, N.C.

Although a member of Pine Swamp Baptist Church, her heart was at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church where she attended regularly as her health would permit.

She was faithful to the highest calling of womanhood, that of being a good wife and mother, a keeper of the home, a faithful helpmate to her husband, Jack McGinnis, to whom she married on January 16, 1941, and a real mother who was always there for her children in time of need, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and teaching to be honest, upright citizens of our country.

Surviving are her husband, Jack McGinnis; two sons, John and James McGinnis; four daughters, Linda Sheets, Martha Harless, Mary Bauguess and Sandra Castle; eleven grandchildren; one great grandchild; four brothers and nine sisters.

Funeral services were held at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on June 19, 1987, with the songs, “A Poor Wayfaring Stranger”, “God’s Promise” and “Amazing Grace” sung by friends and led by her husband. The funeral discourse by Elder Gene Watson; Pallbearers were her sons and sons-in-law.

Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of our Blessed Lord.

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Elder James D. McNeill - Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elder Floyd South
BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas
HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK - Elder James McNeill
RIVERVIEW - Elders Jack McGinnis
C.O. Yates
James McNeill
ROANS CREEK - Elder Floyd South
SENTER - Elder James McNeill
Elder Dewey Roten, Associate Pastor

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes
Clerk and Their Addresses

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters
Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626............................20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693..........................20
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693..........................10
NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693..........................20
RIVERVIEW: C.O. Yates
Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626............................30
ROANS CREEK: G.L. Mash
Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640...............................35
SENTER: Bobby Absher
Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617.............................45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

EBENEZER: Aubrey E. Utz
Madison, Va. 22727..20
MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt
102 Gentry Street, Galax, Va. 24333............................20
BEAR CREEK: William J. Sparks
3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040
SILVER CREEK: Elder Gene Watson
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645...........................20
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION: The Library,
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.........2
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY: Elon College
Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244......................................2
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY:
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester NY 14620.................2
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: The Z. Smith Reynolds
Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem
NC 27109...2
THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST LIBRARY: P.O. Box 68,
Atwood, Tennessee..2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in May
Senter - 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
Riverview - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
Horse Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in June
North Fork - 1st Saturday and Sunday in July
Big Helton - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
Roans Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of theAssociation shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the ony true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAVER CREEK - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., and fourth Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON - Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK - Sunday (only), 11:00 a.m., on first and fourth Sunday following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

NORTH FORK - First Saturday night, 7:00 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC, and Trade, Tn. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The first and third Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., following the respective Saturday, and the third Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK - Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SENTER - Second Saturday, 11:00 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH ORGANIZED	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	COMMUNION MONTH	SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS	ORDAINED ELDERS	LIBERATED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED TO FEL.		DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTION
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Brother Don Walters, Brother Larry Davis Elder Floyd South, Borther Letcher McMillen, Alt.	May	4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	13	85
1840	BIG HELTON	Elder Steve Douglas	July	3	1	0	0	1	0		0	0	0	14	50
1840	HORSE CREEK	Brother Calvin Barker	June	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	5	35
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	15	115
1898	RIVERVIEW	Elder James McNeill, Brother Willard Hartzog Elder Jack McGuinnis, Brother Clyde Johnson, Alt.	June	3	4	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	27	110
1869	ROANS CREEK	Brother Guy Reeves, Brother Millard Bare Brother Richard Bare, G. L. Mash, Alt.	July	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	39	97
1829	SENTER	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Norman Brown Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Tony Miller, Alt.	June	2	0	0	3	0	0		2	0	0	58	185
		TOTAL													**677**

See Directory For Time of Meetings

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MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
Riverview Church
Ashe County, North Carolina
September 9, 10, 11, 1988

The next session will convene with Beaver Creek Church located about three miles from West Jefferson, N.C. Take Hwy 221 about one mile toward Boone, N.C. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1989

OFFICERS

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Riverview Church
Friday, September 9, 1988

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder George McNure from Mt. Zion Church, Swainsboro, Georgia.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder C.E. Darity of Bethelem Church, Macon, Georgia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins of Crossroads Church, Mountain District Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder C.O. Yates as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Garfield and Sister Maude Dillard
Brother and Sister Raymond Nichols
Brother Carl R. Williams and Sister Louise C. Williams
Sister Doris Richardson
Elder R. Bruce Higgins

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:
Elder Gene F. Watson
Sister Dolly Wagoner
Sister Barbara W. Reeves

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia:
Elder Cecil E. Darity
Elder George McNure and Sister Laverne McNure
Elder Denver Hollingsworth

MT. ENON ASSOCIATION of Florida:
Brother Woodrow Burgess and Sister Monnie Burgess

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Norvel P. Mann

Northside Primitive Baptist Church of San Antonia, Texas
Brother Murl Dalton and Sister Claudia Dalton

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Reid Blevins

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Edward Bowman

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr. and Sister Sibyl Davis

Ephesus Primitive Baptist Church of Georgia
Brother Keith Hollingsworth

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Deacon Paul Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Elder Floyd South
Deacon Garvie Davis
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Deacon Paul Bare
Delegates from Riverview Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet at lunch for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1988

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Denver Hollingsworth.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in Minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

5. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M:, on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1989, at Beaver Creek Church.

6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 8 and 9, 1989, with Beaver Creek Church.

7. The Clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1988

Received from Churches:

BEAVER CREEK	$71.00
BIG HELTON	45.00
HORSE CREEK	10.00
NORTH FORK	115.00
RIVERVIEW	140.00
ROANS CREEK	44.00
SENTER	107.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	$532.00

TREASURY REPORT:

In Savings:

Balance	$516.54
Interest received from bank	6.50
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes last year	308.34
Treasurer returned from last year	40.80
Received from donations Saturday and Sunday	115.00
TOTAL RECEIVED 1988	$647.00

EXPENDITURES:

To the Moderator	$10.00
To the Assistant Moderator	10.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	10.00
Put in treasury for printing and postage of minutes	350.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Paid to Riverview Church	$50.00
To visiting Elders	90.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	580.00

BALANCE	**$873.07**

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C.O. Yates of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder C.O. Yates, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder George McNure (introduced with prayer)
Elder C.E. Darity (introductory sermon)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth (opened business with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder C.E. Darity (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bruce Higgins
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Jack McGinnis (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:
Elder George McNure (introduced with prayer)
Elder Tim Brooks
Elder C.E. Darity
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Jack McGinnis (introduced with prayer)
Elder George McNure
Elder Gene Watson

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Norvel Mann
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder George McNure (introduced with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Denver Hollingsworth (introduced with prayer)
Elder George McNure
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

ELDER DEWEY ROTEN

Elder Dewey Roten was born in Ashe County on October 6, 1903, to George Washington and Cora Elvira Roark Roten. He died at his home January 9, 1988 at the age of 84.

He joined North Fork Primitive Baptist Church in May, 1925 and was ordained to preach in 1930 at age 27. He served all the churches in the Senter Association and some churches in Virginia. From the beginning he did not trust in man's teaching, nor on his own might; but waited on the spiritual revelation from above. He knew from where his help came. He often said, "If the Spirit is not with me, I cannot preach." He was very careful not to accept any honor or praise for himself, but continually instructed the congregation to give all the praise and glory to God. With love and compassion he visited and ministered to the sick and elderly as long as his health would allow. He was faithful to his calling and was dedicated to the unity and peace in the churches; but stood firm to keep the churches in sound doctrine and brotherly love. He was respected and loved by all those his ministries touched.

Surviving are his wife, Flossie Arnold Roten, five sons, Gwyn, George, and Edward, of West Jefferson, N.C.; Dane, Raleigh, N.C.; Ray, Raleigh, N.C.; two daughters, Mary Bare, Miller's Creek, N.C., and Elva Bumgarner, Fleetwood, N.C.; one brother, Paul Roten, Creston, N.C., and one sister, Hettie Sapp, Lansing, N.C.; thirteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 11, 1988 at the Badger-Whittamore Chapel in West Jefferson by Elders Calvin Yates and Jack McGinnis. His body was laid to rest in the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Fleetwood, N.C.

GUSSIE HUNT POE

Mrs. Gussie (Hunt) Poe, Laurel Springs, N.C., was the daughter of the late Jones and Mazie (Bare) Hunt. She was born January 13, 1894, and departed this life October 17, 1987; making her stay on this earth 93 years, 9 months, and 4 days. She was the widow of the late William Jessie Poe, who was a member and deacon of Roans Creek Primitive Baptist Church. To this union was born six children; one infant daughter preceded them in death. Surviving are two sons, Gaither and Earl Poe; three daughters, Kathleen LaPrad, Ethel Davis, and Lena Cox; 27 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Gussie united with the Roans Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Everette Thompson in September, 1924. She was a loving mother, sister and grandmother with her hope in Christ. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery awaiting that glorious resurrection morning.

WILLIAM GAITHER JOHNSON

William Gaither Johnson was born January 18, 1900 to Biner and Avery Johnson. He departed this life June 27, 1988 making his stay on earth 88 years and 5 months. He was laid to rest June 30, 1988 in Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

He married Alma Weaver May 24, 1924. To this union was born three sons and one daughter. He is survived by his wife, and one son, Floyd Johnson, of West Jefferson, and one daughter, Mrs. Paul (Ruby) Goodman, of Landis, NC; two sisters, Gladys Roland and Nina Weaver of Warrensville. One brother, Claude, also survives. He was preceded in death by two sons.

Mr. Johnson joined the Primitive Baptist Church at North Fork in 1940, later moving his membership to Beaver Creek in 1949.

He leaves to mourn his passing a host of relatives and friends.

OLLIE HUNT BARE

Ollie Hunt Bare was born June 20, 1888 in Ashe County to Jones and Mazie Hunt. She was married to Henry Bare in 1900 and died January 10, 1988. She joined Roans Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized Sunday, May 13, 1929 by Elder Everette Thompson. Mrs. Bare was a faithful church member and a loving mother to her children. She was loved by all who knew her.

Surviving are four children, three daughters, Anidell Bare, Goldie Lyle, and Evelyn Wyatt; one son, Arnold Bare; all of Jefferson, N.C. Five children preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at Badger-Whittamore Funeral Home on January 13, 1988 by Elder Floyd South and Reverend Dean Shepherd. Songs “Amazing Grace” and “In Worlds on High” were led by Elder and Mrs. Floyd South.

Mrs. Bare’s body was laid to rest in Roans Creek Church Cemetery to await the second coming of our blessed Lord. Our loss is her eternal gain.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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1840	BIG HELTON	Elder Steve Douglas	July	2 3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	14	45.0
1840	HORSE CREEK	Brother Calvin Barker	June	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	5	10.0
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Doughton Roten, Brother Paul Roten Brother Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	0	17	115.0
1898	RIVERVIEW	Brother Paul Miller, Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother James McNeill, Elder C. O. Yates, Alt.	June	1 3	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	26	140.0
1869	ROANS CREEK	Brother Guy Reeves, Brother George Severt, Brother Millard Bare, Brother G. L. Mash, Alt.	July	4	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	2	32	44.0
1829	SENTER	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Garvie Davis, Brother Ben Miller, Alt.	June	2	0	0	0	0	0		3	0	0	55	107.0
		TOTAL													**$532.00**

See Directory For Time Of Meetings.

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OF THE
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OF THE
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Beaver Creek Church
Friday, September 8, 1989

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder James McNeill, Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Bruce Higgins of the Mountain Association.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Steve Douglas, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Floyd South as Moderator; Elder James McNeill as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:

Elder Tim W. Brooks
Elder Bruce Higgins
Brother Blake and Sister Elizabeth Roberts
Brother Thomas P. Farmer, Jr.
Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols
Sister Leta W. Farmer
Sister Rose W. Jenkins
Brother Greene Ward
Brother Garfield and Sister Maude Dillard

MT ENON ASSOCIATION of Florida:

Brother Woodrow Burgess and Sister Monnie Burgess

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr., and Sister Sibyl Davis

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Greenville, W. Virginia
Elder Thomas B. Mann

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Reid Blevins

Pine Ridge Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Ray Edwards

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church
Brother Paul V. Lemons
Brother Raymond J. Bibey

Northview Primitive Baptist Church
Brother Cranford Perddy

Martin Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, Va.
Sister Ethel A. Vass

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.
Sister Joyce V. Hodges

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Jess B. Higgins

Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, Va.
Sister Ossie E. Horton

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
   Deacon Paul Bare
   Deacon Willard Hartzog
   Deacon Garvie Davis

B. Committee on Arrangements:
   Elder Floyd South
   Elder Steve Douglas
   Elder James McNeill
   Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:
   Elder Floyd South
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   Brother Virgil Brown
   Deacon Paul Miller
   Delegates from Beaver Creek Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1990

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder C.O. Yates.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

5. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1990 at Senter Church.

6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 7 and 8, 1990 with Senter Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 300 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR ---1989

Received from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
Big Helton	50.00
Horse Creek	30.00
North Fork	135.00
Riverview	120.00
Roans Creek	100.00
Senter	130.00

Total Received from Churches:	$645.00

TREASURY REPORT:

In Savings:	
Balance	$549.86
Interest received from bank	33.32
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes last year	311.02
Treasurer returned from last year	39.78
Received from donations Saturday & Sunday	332.00
Total Received 1989	977.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	10.00
To the Assistant Moderator	10.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	10.00
Put in treasury for printing and postage of minutes	350.00

Miscellaneous:

Paid to Beaver Creek Church	$50.00
Paid to visiting Elders	384.00
Total Expenditures:	874.00
Balance:	653.64

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Jess Higgins of the Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder James McNeill (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bruce Higgins (introductory sermon)
Elder Steve Douglas (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Tim Brooks
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

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ANNUAL MEETING

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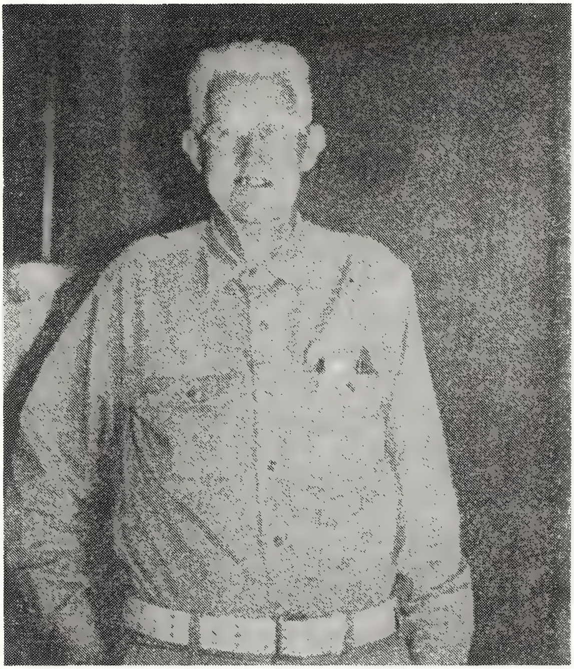
OBITUARIES



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1898	RIVERVIEW	Brother Paul Miller, Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother Clyde Johnson, Elder James McNeill, Alt.	June	1 3	3	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	26	120
1869	ROANS CREEK	Brother Millard Bare, Brother Richard Bare, Brother George Severt, Brother Guy Reeves, Alt.	July	4	0	0	2	0	0		0	0	1	37	100
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Senter Church
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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Eugene Bennett, No Creek Church, Mocksville, NC.

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ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

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Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols
Brother Thomas and Sister Margaret Hayden
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Sister Marye Gambill Lineback
Brother Greene Ward
Sister Rose W. Jenkins

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION of West Virginia:

Elder Franklin Oresta

Reorganized SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:

Elder Gene F. Watson

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina:

Elder and Sister F. W. Stack

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

No Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Mocksville, NC
Elder Eugene Bennett

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Richlands, VA.
Elder Paul E. Williams
Brother Lewis and Sister Treva Henley
Brother Fred and Sister Verlie Slusher
Brother Estel and Sister Clydie Henley

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church,Lindside, W. Va.
Elder Norvel P. Mann

New Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, VA.
Elder Canbin and Sister Violet Vass
Brother Elmo and Sister Theoa Nester

North View Primitive Baptist Church, Danbury, NC
Elder Milton and Sister Betty Gunter

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Raymond J. Bibey
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC
Brother Reid I. Blevins
Elder Wayne and Sister Peggy Gibbons

Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Sparta, NC
Sister Ruby Edwards

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Garvie Davis

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Brother Don Walters
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:
Elder Floyd South
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder James McNeill
Brother Woodrow Burgess
Brother Clyde Johnson
Delegates from Senter Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1990

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

5. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1991 at Senter Church.

6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 6 and 7, 1991, with Senter Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR — 1990

Received from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
Big Helton	50.00
Horse Creek	30.00
North Fork	155.00
Riverview	155.00
Roans Creek	51.00
Senter	255.00

Total Received from Churches $776.00

TREASURY REPORT:

In Savings:

Balance	$556.83
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	310.56
Treasurer Returned from Last Year	39.44
Received from Donations Saturday and Sunday	596.00
Total Received 1990	1,372.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Put in Treasury for Printing & Postage of Minutes	350.00

Miscellaneous:

Paid to Senter Church	50.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	852.00
Total Expenditures	1,272.00
Balance	$596.27

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eugene Bennett (introductory sermon)
Elder Steve Douglas (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Milton Gunter
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder F. W. Stack
Elder C. O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Jack McGinnis (introduced with prayer)
Elder Canbin Vass
Elder Franklin Oresta
Elder Norvel Mann

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Paul Williams
Elder Tim Brooks
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

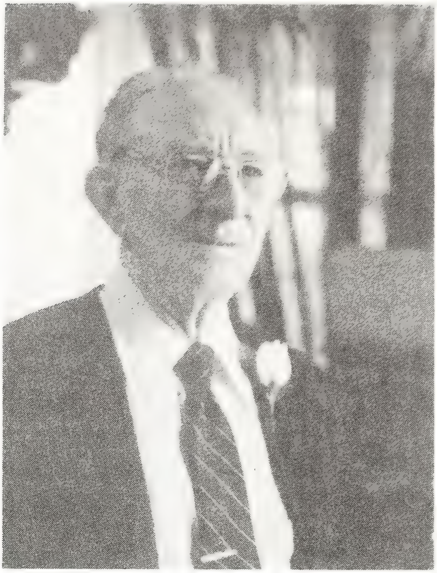
Elder F. W. Stack (introduced with prayer)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Paul Bare (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C. O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder F. W. Stack
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 14 - 19, 1991.



Wade Hampton Miller

Wade Hampton Miller, age 81, of Taylorsville, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, March 13, 1990. He was born in Ashe County on November 7, 1908. He was the son of Gordon and Matilda Faw Miller. He is survived by his wife Glennie St. Clair Miller, one son, Ralph Miller, four daughters, Peggy Bentley, Ruth St. Clair, Mary Bentley, and Martha Mecimore. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted on Friday, March 16, 1990 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in Ashe County by Elder James McNeil and Elder C. O. Yates. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in September, 1963. He loved the church and attended as long as his health permitted. He was a loving husband and father and is greatly missed by his friends and loved ones.

by a daughter, Mary Bentley

In Loving Memory

Sister Maggie Sheets Miller was born January 3, 1894 in Ashe County, North Carolina. She departed this life June 13, 1989. The funeral was conducted in Ashe County with burial following in Riverview Cemetery. She was the daughter of Jacob and Alpha Houck Sheets.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert V. Miller and three of their four children. Survivors include one daughter, Alene Miller Parsons, and nine grandchildren. Also a host of great grandchildren.

Sister Miller joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church at an early age and was a faithful member as long as health permitted. She spent the last years of her life confined to a nursing home, after losing her sight.

She loved the church and was a kind and good neighbor and friend to all. During sickness and trouble she was a constant source of strength and inspiration. She is greatly missed by the church and community. To know her was to love her. Her life of service was a great testimony to her love of her God and his people. We mourn her loss, but rejoice in her gain.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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RIVERVIEW — Elder C. O. Yates, James McNeill
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SENTER — Elder James McNeill

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES
CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES
CLERK AND THEIR ADDRESSES

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626	20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693	20
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RIVERVIEW: C. O. Yates Rt. 2 Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626	30
ROANS CREEK: Elder Floyd South Rt. 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694	35
SENTER: Bobby Absher Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617	45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

EBENEZER: Aubrey E. Utz Madison, Va. 22727	20
MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA. 24333	20
BEAR CREEK: William J. Sparks 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040	20
SILVER CREEK: Elder Gene Watson 145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645	20
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION: The Library University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	2
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY: Elon College Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244	2
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620	2
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109	2
THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST LIBRARY: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, Tennessee	2
MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, W. Va. 24701	20

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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RULES OF DECORUM

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4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several member of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Associations requires.

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CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

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7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

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9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

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11. The Association shall endeaver to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

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13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

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3. Called for petitionary letters.

Elder Eddie Lyle addressed the Association on behalf of Pond Mountain Church. He made acknowledgement of past errors, and asked that Pond Mountain Church be granted fellowship with the Senter Association. A letter was presented and read from Helton Church stating that Pond Mountain and Helton had resolved their differences.

It was moved and seconded that Pond Mountain Church be granted full fellowship with the Senter Association. There were no objections. Therefore, Pond Mountain Church was granted full fellowship with the Senter Association.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

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Brother Carl Williams and Sister Louise Williams
Sister Doris Richardson
Sister Glenna Brown
Sister Dorothy Brown
Brother Norman and Sister Zola Brown

St. Clair Bottom Association of NC and Virginia:

Sister Ethel Lyle
Sister Beulah Lyle
Elder Eddie Lyle
Brother and Sister Vernon Lyle

Little Yadkin River Association of North Carolina:

Elder Vance Jones
Sister Hulda Jones

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia:
Elder Denver Hollingsworth

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder Jack McGinnis

Echeconnee Association of Georgia:
Elder Cecil E. Darity

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

North View Primitive Baptist Church, Danbury, NC:
Brother Milton and Sister Betty Gunter

No Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Mocksville, NC:
Elder Eugene Bennett

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia:
Elder Dan Parker

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia:
Elder Thomas B. Mann
Sister Joyce Hodges

Meadow Fork Primitive Baptist Church, Laurel Springs, NC:
Elder Samuel Whittington

Ephesus Primitive Baptist Church, Georgia:
Brother Keith Hollingsworth

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church, Salisbury, NC:
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Reid Blevins

Indian Creek Church, Indian Valley, Virginia:
Brother Lewis and Sister Treva Henley
Brother Estel and Sister Clydie Henley

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Statesville, NC:
Brother Mack and Sister Debbie Church
Brother Ray and Sister Ruth Barnette

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, Maryland:
Brother James A. Dixon

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Chilhowie, Virginia:
Brother Howard and Sister Sibyl Davis

Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, Virginia:
Sister Ossie E. Horton

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Hillsville, Virginia:
Brother Waltrude and Sister Emma Slusher

Stoney Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Pilot Mountain, NC:
Sister Allie O'Neal

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. *COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:*
Brother George Severt
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Garvie Davis

B. *COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:*
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Elmer Ham
Deacon Don Walters
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. *COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:*
Deacon Bobby Absher
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Don Walters
Deacon Larry Davis
Elder Steve Douglas

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1991

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

5. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1992 at Senter Church.

6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 11 and 12, 1992, with Senter Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1991

Received from Churches:

BEAVER CREEK	$105.00
BIG HELTON	70.00
HORSE CREEK	10.00
NORTH FORK	145.00
RIVERVIEW	220.00
ROANS CREEK	61.00
SENTER	287.00
Total Received from Churches	**$898.00**

Treasury Report:

In Savings:

Balance	$603.18
Paid Out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	294.37
Treasurer Returned from Last Year	65.63
Received from Donations Friday and Saturday	983.00
Total Received 1991	**1,881.00**

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
The the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Put in Treasury for Printing & Postage of Minutes	350.00

Miscellaneous:

Paid to Senter Church	$50.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	$1,476.00
Balance	**$603.18**

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING:

Friday Morning:

Elder Thomas Mann (introduced with prayer)
Elder Cecil Darity (introductory sermon)
Elder Eugene Bennett (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Vance Jones (introduced with prayer)
Elder Milton Gunter
Elder Thomas Mann
Elder Eugene Bennett
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Eddie Lyle (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker
Elder Denver Hollingsworth (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder Wayne Gibbons (introduced with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Dan Parker
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Lic. Jimmy Hanes
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Brother Don Walters (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder Sammy Whittington (introduced with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Brother Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Lic. Jimmy Hanes (introduced with prayer)
Elder Wayne Gibbons
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 12 - 17, 1992.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder C.O. Yates - Route 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626
Elder Floyd South - Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Phone: (919) 246-7456
Elder Steve Douglas - Route 1, Box 446, Crumpler, NC 28617
Phone: (919) 982-2958
Elder James D. McNeill - Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617
Phone: (919) 982-3802

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elders Tim Brooks, James McNeill
BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas
HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK - Elder James McNeill
RIVERVIEW - Elders C.O. Yates, James McNeill
ROANS CREEK - Elder Floyd South
SENTER - Elder James McNeill

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters
Rt. 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626...............................20
BIG HELTON: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693........... 30
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693..............................10

NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette
Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693..............................20
RIVERVIEW: C.O. Yates
Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626................................30
ROANS CREEK: Elder Floyd South
Rt. 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694...35
SENTER: Bobby Absher
Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617...............................45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

EBENEZER: Aubrey E. Utz
Madison, Virginia 22727..20
MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt
102 Gentry Street, Galax, Virginia 24333..........................20
BEAR CREEK: Allen Copple
Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203..20
SILVER CREEK: Elder Gene Watson
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645...............................20
NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION: The Library
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514............2
THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST LIBRARY: Elon College
Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244...2
THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620....................2
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109........2
THE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST LIBRARY:
PO Box 68, Atwood, Tennessee...2
MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:
Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, West Virginia 24701....................20

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

BEAVER CREEK: 4th Saturday and Sunday in May
SENTER: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
RIVERVIEW: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
HORSE CREEK: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June
NORTH FORK: 1st Saturday and Sunday in July
BIG HELTON: 3rd Sunday in July
ROANS CREEK: 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several member of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Associations requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropiate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghose and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 A.M., and fourth Sunday, 2:00 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Third Sunday, 11:00 A.M., Second Sunday, 11:00 A.M. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 A.M., following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Sunday, following first Saturday, at 2:00 P.M. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC and Trade Tennessee. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

Riverview - The first and third Sundays, following respective Saturday, at 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one and a half mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Roans Creek - Fourth Saturday night, 7:00 P.M., and the following Sunday, 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - Second Saturday, 11:00 A.M., and Sunday following, 2:00 P.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located near Nathan's Creek School.

See Directory For Time Of Meetings.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Brother Gordan Severt, Brother Larry Davis, Elder Floyd South, Brother Don Walters, Alternate	May	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	10	$105.00
1840	BIG HELTON	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Elmer Ham	July	3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	6	70.00
1840	HORSE CREEK	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Grover Burchette	June	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	3	10.00
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Paul Roten, Brother Doughton Roten Brother Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	15	145.00
1898	RIVERVIEW	Brother Paul Miller, Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother Clyde Johnson, Elder James McNeill, Alt	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	27	220.00
1898	ROANS CREEK	Deacon Rodger Rutherford, Deacon George Severt, Brother Millard Bare, Brother Richard Bare, Alt.	July	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	35	61.00
1829	SENTER	Brother Paul Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Garvie Davis, Brother Woodrow Burgess, Alt.	June	2	0	0	8	0	0		0	0	0	51	287.00
		TOTAL													898.00

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MINUTES

Of The
One Hundred Thirty-Ninth
Annual Session
Of The
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
SENTER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 1992

The next session will convene with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles; on Nathan's Creek School Road.

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 1993

OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES McNEILL..MODERATOR
Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617, Phone: (919) 982-3802

ELDER FLOYD SOUTH................................ASST. MODERATOR
Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694, Phone (919) 246-7456

BROTHER BOBBY H. ABSHER..CLERK
Route 1, Crumpler, NC 28617, Phone (919) 982-2163

BROTHER DON WALTERS......................................ASST. CLERK
Route 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626, Phone (919) 877-4723

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Harvey Carpenter, Pleasant Hill Church, Statesville, NC.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Franklin Oresta of the Mt. Zion Association, Bluefield, W. Va.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder L. Richard Cox of the Bear Creek Association of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Sister Viola Easter
Brother Norman and Sister Zola Brown
Sister Dorothy Brown
Sister Glenna Brown
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner
Sister Ruby Edwards
Brother Woodrow and Sister Monnie Burgess
Elder Jess B. Higgins
Elder Tim Brooks

St. Clair Bottom Association of NC and Virginia:
Sister Virgie Lyle
Sister Beulah Lyle
Sister Ethel Lyle
Brother Vernon Lyle

Original Bear Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder E.W. Hooven, Jr., and Sister Linda Hooven
Elder F.W. Stack and Sister Stack
Elder L. Richard Cox

Mt. Enon Association of Florida:
Elder George H. Hazen
Chavis S. Kelley, Liberated

Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia:
Elder Franklin and Sister Annalene Oresta

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of NC:
Elder Gene F. Watson

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

North View Primitive Baptist Church, Danbury, NC:
Brother Cranford Priddy

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC:
Brother Raymond J. Bibey
Brother Faxon Mounce
Brother Paul V. Lemons
Lic. Jimmy Haynes

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA:
Elder Thomas B. Mann
Sister Joyce V. Hodges
Sister Rebecca Chandler

No Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Mocksville, NC:
Elder Eugene Bennett

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Statesville, NC:
Elder Harvey G. Carpenter

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, VA:
Elder Dan Parker

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD:
Brother James A. Dixon

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. *Committee on Finance:*
Brother George Severt
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Garvie Davis

B. *Committee on Arrangements:*
Brother Elmer Ham
Deacon Don Walters
Brother Dan Miller
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk

C. *Committee on Ministry:*
Deacon Bobby Absher
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Don Walters
Deacon Larry Davis
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1992

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that the pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

5. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1993 at Senter Church.

6. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 10 and 11, 1993, with Senter Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. A motion was made and approved to close the Association savings account and to open a checking account so that checks may be written to cover the expenditures of the Association. The clerk was appointed to pay all expenditures.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1992

Received from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$ 80.00
Big Helton	70.00
Horse Creek	10.00
North Fork	130.00
Riverview	193.00
Roans Creek	55.00
Senter	270.00
Total Received from Churches	$808.00

Received from Donations Friday and Saturday	$482.00
Transferred from savings to checking	623.00
Treasurer returned from last year	48.00
TOTAL:	$1961.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Senter Church	50.00
Paid to visiting elders	1050.00
Designated for printing and postage of Minutes	350.00
Total Expenditures	$1570.00
Balance	$391.00

ORDER OF PREACHING:

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Harvey Carpenter (introduced with prayer)
Elder Franklin Oresta (introductory sermon)
Elder Eugene Bennett (opened business with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Harvey Carpenter (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eugene Bennett
Elder Gene Watson
Elder Richard Cox
Elder Jess Higgins
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Lic. Chavis S. Kelley (introduced with prayer)
Elder George Hazen
Elder Tim Brooks
Brother Paul Miller (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker
Lic. Jimmy Hanes (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Steve Douglas (introduced with prayer)
Elder Thomas Mann
Elder E.W. Hooven
Brother Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder F.W. Stack
Brother Paul Miller (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Lic. Jimmy Hanes (introduced with prayer)
Elder E.W. Hooven
Elder F.W. Stack
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 11 - 16, 1993.

IN MEMORIAM

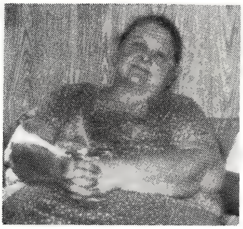
Elder W. Walter Evans

Elder W. Walter Evans of the Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association, passed away on Sunday, January 12, 1992 at the age of 82.

Elder Evans was well known and highly respected among the Primitive Baptist Churches in the Senter Association. He visited frequently among our churches and was always welcome. Elder Evans was well founded in the faith and set a shining example of a true leader for the cause of Christ.

Elder Evans will be sorely missed by all who knew him. The Senter Association would like to pay tribute to the memory of Elder Evans and the truths which he so valiently defended during his ministry.

Myrtle Kathleen Roland Burchette



Funeral services for Myrtle Kathleen Burchette, age 62, of Warrensville, were held Sunday, March 29, 1992, at 2:00 p.m. at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Francis and Elder Wayne Gibbons officiating. Burial followed in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens in Jefferson.

Mrs. Burchette passed away Friday, March 27, at her residence in Warrensville. She was born March 7, 1930 in Ashe County to Wade W. Roland and Ella Weaver Roland.

Survivors include her husband, Grover Burchette of Warrensville, NC, four sons, Steve Burchette and Carl Burchette, both of West Jefferson, Mark Burchette of Deep Gap, and Jeff Burchette of West Jefferson; two daughters Louise Harmon of Zionville, NC, and Lynda Mahaffey of Lansing, two sisters, Mae Ola Johnson of Conowingo, MD., Nadine Foskey of Hockessin, Del.; two brothers, Ben Roland of Cape Coral, Florida and Ronnie Roland of Warrensville, NC. One stepbrother, Bill Barber of Cochranville, PA. Step-mother, Gladys Roland of Warrensville, seven grandsons and many nieces and nephews also survive. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Dillie Davis Miller

Dillie Davis Miller, daughter of C.N. and Laura Cox Davis was born July 9, 1922 and departed this natural life on August 7, 1992.

She married Joe Miller in March of 1938 and this joyous union brought her the following children, Margaret, Mary Jane, J.C., Tuck and Debbie.

She professed a hope in the Lord's Christ and united with the Church at North Fork where she remained a dedicated and faithful member until death. Sister Miller loved the Church, her family, neighbors and friends. She was a light of encouragement to us all bearing the burdens of life without complaints, enduring sickness and meeting each day with joy in the Lord looking to him as the Author and finisher of our Faith.

Sister Miller never weaver in her staunch belief that Salvation was totally of the Lord and it was by his grace and grace alone, that we were saved and by his blood and his blood alone we atoned and justified by his imputed righteousness and shall never fall away. Our loss is her eternal gain, death is the gateway to glory.

Joe has lost a devoted, kind and gentle companion, the children a evercaring loving mother, grandmother, the church a mother in Israel and all who knew her an unforgettable person.

The food on which the children live
Great God, is Thine alone to give
And we for grace received would raise
A Sacred Song of love and praise

Stella Blevins Helms

Stella Blevins Helms was born on June 27, 1919 in Ashe County to G.O. and Bertie Walton Blevins. She passed away October 13, 1992 at the Baptist Hospital in Columbia S.C. making her life on earth 73 years, four months and 16 days. Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Friday October 16 at the Dunbar Funeral Home by Elder F.W. Stacks and Elder Romnie Williams of Monroe, N.C. She was married to Aaron J. Helms November 8, 1947.

She is survived by her husband, Aaron J. Helms, 1 son, Brent Helms of Columbia, S.C., 3 daughters, Mitzi Frick of Columbia, S.C., Teresa Sharp of Camden, S.C., and Karen Burnside of Columbia, S.C. Also six grandchildren. One sister, Myrtle Caraway of Crumpler, N.C., two brothers, Earl Blevins also of Crumpler and Harvey Blevins of West Jefferson, N.C. Also a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Stella united with Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church in 1937. She remained a faithful member of the church until her death. She traveled many miles to attend church. Stella had many friends and she had traveled all over the United States and many foreign countries. Her whole life was centered around her church, her family, and her friends.

Stella endured her sickness in a humble and peacefull way, always thanking the Lord for His mercy and goodness. Big Helton Church was saddened by her passing.

She has seen the sunrise with the Master.
Earth's long and weary night passed away.
All her pain and earthly cares have been forgotten.
In the land of joy and endless day.

Faithful and kind in all her ways
Upright and just to the end of her days
Sincere and true in heart and mind
What a beautiful memory she leaves behind.

Written by her sister Myrtle Caraway

Florence Hazel Waddell

Florence Hazel Waddell was born February 23, 1915 to the late Freelan and Myrtle Baldwin. She passed away November 9, 1992 at NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Surviving is one son, John Waddell of Longview, Texas; a brother, Kyle Baldwin of Lansing; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, November 11, 1992 at Ashelawn Memorial Chapel, by Reverend Phillip Duvall. Burial followed in the Baldwin family cemetery in Lansing.

Mrs. Waddell was a member of the Helton Primitive Baptist Church near Sturgills, N.C. She united with the church on Saturday, September 3, 1943.

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HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK - Elder James McNeill
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MOUNTAIN: Roy Truitt
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RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the member present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the severa member of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Associations requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropiate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghose and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 A.M., and fourth Sunday, 2:00 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

Big Helton - Third Sunday, 11:00 A.M., Second Sunday, 11:00 A.M. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 A.M., following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Sunday, following first Saturday, at 2:00 P.M. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC and Trade Tennessee. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile you will come to the North Fork of the New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

Riverview - From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson, go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on the Nettle Knob Road. Go 3 miles to the Hartzog Ford Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road. Turn right about .1 mile. The brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek - Fourth Saturday night, 7:00 P.M., and the following Sunday, 11:00 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter - Second Saturday, 11:00 A.M., and Sunday following, 2:00 P.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles. Located on Nathan's Creek School Road.

See Directory For Time Of Meetings.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Larry Davis, Elder Floyd South, Alt. Bro. Gordon Severt	May	4 2	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	10	$80.00
1840	BIG HELTON	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Elmer Ham	July	3	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	4	70.00
1840	HORSE CREEK	Elder Steve Douglas, Brother Grover Burchette	June	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	3	10.00
1785	NORTH FORK	Bro. Paul Roten, Bro. Doughton Roten, Bro. Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	13	130.00
1898	RIVERVIEW	Brother Dan Miller, Brother Paul Miller, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Alt. Bro. Clyde Johnson	June	1 3	2	0	5	0	0		0	0	0	32	193.00
1898	ROANS CREEK	Bro. Millard Bare, Bro. George Severt, Bro. Roger Rutherford, Alt. Bro. Richard Bare	July	4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	36	55.00
1829	SENTER	Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Johnny McNeill, Bro. Paul Bare, Alt. Bro. Garvie Davis	June	2	0	0	3	0	0		0	0	0	52	270.00
		TOTAL					**8**		**0**		**0**	**0**	**4**	**150**	**$808.00**

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MINUTES
of the
One Hundred Fortieth Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
SENTER CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 1993

The next session will convene with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, NC about eight miles; on Nathan's Creek School Road.

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1994

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BROTHER DON WALTERS..ASST. CLERK
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Denver Hollingsworth of Indian Creek Church, Moultrie, Ga.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Harvey Carpenter, Pleasant Hill Church, Statesville, NC.

The Association was opened with prayer by Brother Bobby Absher, Senter Church.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Norman and Sister Zola Brown
Sister Dorothy Brown
Sister Glenna Brown
Sister Lucy Choate
Brother Thomas Farmer, Jr.
Sister Rose W. Jenkins
Brother Raymond and Sister Nonnie Nichols
Brother James and Sister Rose Mabe

Brother Blake and Sister Elizabeth Roberts
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner
Brother Carl Williams
Brother Greene Ward

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Leonard Barton
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
Sister Maggie Barton

New Liberty Association of West Virginia:
Elder Monroe Hamon
Brother Kenneth and Sister Elizabeth Jennings

Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia:
Brother Finley and Sister Bernice Ratliff
Elder Franklin Oresta

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church, Chilhowie, Va.:
Brother Howard, Sr., and Sister Sibyl Davis
Sister Jessie Adams

Indian Creek Church of Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Denver and Sister Nina Hollingsworth

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Danville, Va.:
Elder Dan Parker
Brother John S. Lawrence and Sister Lawrence
Brother Thomas Lawrence and Sister Lawrence

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Statesville, NC:
Elder Harvey Carpenter

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church:
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Martin Primitive Baptist Church of Hillsville, Va.:
Sister Ethel A. Vass

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Stuart, Va.:
O'Bain Hylton

Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va.:
Sister Joyce V. Hodges

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother George Severt
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Elmer Ham
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Donnie Cox
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Deacon Bobby Absher
Deacon Paul Miller
Deacon Don Walters
Brother Vernon Roten
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1993

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements moved that the host church is to select elder to preach the introductory sermon.

4. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1994 at Senter Church.

5. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 8 and 9, 1994 with Senter Church.

6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

7. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

8. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

9. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

10. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1993

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$75.00
Big Helton	40.00
Horse Creek	15.00
North Fork	105.00
Riverview	190.00
Roans Creek	65.00
Senter	295.00
Total Received from Churches	$785.00

Received from Donations Friday & Saturday........307.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Senter Church	50.00
Paid to visiting elders	630.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	360.00

13. Minutes read and approved.

14. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Monroe Hamon (introduced with prayer)
Elder Harvey Carpenter (introductory sermon)
Brother Bobby Absher (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Dan Parker (introduced with prayer)
Elder Monroe Hamon
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder C.O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:
Elder Eddie Lyle (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker
Elder Franklin Oresta (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:
Elder Eddie Lyle (opened with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Elder Franklin Oresta
Brother Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

Brother Bobby Absher (opened with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Lic. Jimmy Haynes (opened with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth
Brother Don Walters (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder C.O. Yates (introduced)
Elder Leonard Barton
Elder James McNeill
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night - April 10-15, 1994.

IN MEMORIAM

ELLA MAE BARE

AUGUST 4, 1916 - JULY 6, 1993

Funeral services for Ella Mae Bare, 76, were held at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. The Elders James McNeill and Elder Floyd South officiated with burial following in the Senter Cemetery.

She was born in Ashe County to Lee O. and Betty Dickson Bare and passed away at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. She was a member of Senter Primitive Baptist Church and a housewife.

She is survived by her stepmother, Cordie Denny of Jefferson; a daughter, Anne Caraway of Lancaster, SC; sisters Betty Nagel of Easton, MD; and Ethel Bare of Jefferson; brothers Harper Bare of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Dallas Bare of Jefferson; a grandson, Bo Caraway of Lancaster, SC; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Caraway of Lancaster, SC. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bertie L. Bare.

Brother and Sister Bare united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on May 13, 1951; they were baptized the same day. In August, 1956, Brother Bare was ordained deacon at Senter Church; they served faithfully as deacon and wife until his death in July, 1986. Sister Bare remained an active member who always gave her full support to her church.

IDA HARLESS

Ida Craft Harless of Fleetwood, NC was born July 15, 1901, to John Andrew and Malinda Bare Craft and died March 27, 1993. Her funeral was conducted on March 29th at Bethel Baptist Church by Elders Calvin Yates and Jack McGinnis, and Rev. Bill Ballou. She was buried in the church cemetery with many friends, neighbors, and relatives present.

She was married to George Monroe Harless on June 24, 1924, and to this union was born eight children. Her husband and three children, Johnny, Lane and Maggie preceded her in death. Surviving are five children, Rex of the home, Rev. Ross Harless of West Jefferson, Doris Story of Lenoir, Joseph Harless of West Jefferson, and Maggie Fielding of Mesquite, TX; twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Sister Ida received a hope in the finished work of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized into the fellowship of Riverview Primitive Church and lived a Christian life until her death. She had many friends and was loved by all who knew her. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Elder Calvin Yates

ORBY YATES

Orby Craft Yates, Fleetwood, North Carolina, was born in Ashe County, July 14, 1908, to John Andrew and Malinda Bare Craft and passed away at her home June 10, 1993. Her funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon, June 13, at 3:00 pm at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church by Elders E.W. Hooven, James McNeill and Jack McGinnis, with a large crowd of friends and loved ones present. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of Jesus and the glorious resurrection.

She was united in marriage to Calvin Oscar Yates August 20, 1924, and to this union were born five children. Lorrayne Lange, Newport News, VA, Otis Yates, Hamptonville, Clara Rogers, Statesville, Evelyn Holland, Cary, and Donna Duncan of Fleetwood, NC. Also surviving are two sisters, Ruby Johnson of West Jefferson and Maggie Fielding of Mesquite, TX; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Orby was a sweet, loving wife and a wonderful mother, always having the welfare of her children, her companion and many friends and neighbors at heart. She had a strong faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. She joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized September 22, 1963. She was a faithful member and supported her church financially and with her presence. Her greatest joys were to hear the gospel preached and taking care of God's servants. She was loved by all who knew her. We know our loss is her eternal gain.

Elder Calvin Yates and family

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1898	Roans Creek	Brother Millard Bare, Brother Richad Bare, Alt.	July	4	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	32	65.00
1829	Senter	Brother Vernon Roten, Brother Paul Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Brother Virgil Brown, Alt.	June	2	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	1	52	295.00
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MINUTES

of the
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of the
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Held With
SENTER CHURCH
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BROTHER DON WALTERS..ASST. CLERK
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694, Phone (910) 877-4723

Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Calvin Yates, Senter Association.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams, Indian Creek Church, Richlands, Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder L. Richard Cox, Pleasant Hill Church, Asheboro, N.C.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator; Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Brother Woodrow and Sister Monnie Burgess

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Eddie G. Lyle

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder L. Richard Cox
Brother Michael D. Lester

Roaring River Association of North Carolina:
Elder Samuel E. Parrish

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Danville, VA
Elder Dan Parker

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of Willis, VA.
Elder Paul E. Williams
Brother Ferd and Sister Verlie Slusher

Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church of Roanoke, VA.
Elder Thomas Mann
Brother Daniel Wright

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church of Statesville, NC
Elder Harvey Carpenter

Cat Creek Church of Valdasta, Georgia
Elder Denver and Sister Nina Hollingsworth

Mt. Lebanon Church of Woodlawn, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman

Pilgrim's Rest Church of Valle Crucis, NC
Elder John R. Jackson

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church of Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Jimmy Hayes

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Stuart, VA.
Brother O'Bain Hylton

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
  Brother George Severt
  Deacon Willard Hartzog
  Deacon Larry Davis

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
  Brother Elmer Ham
  Brother Clyde Johnson
  Brother Donnie Cox
  Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
  Deacon Bobby Absher
  Deacon Paul Miller
  Deacon Don Walters
  Deacon Ray Roten
  Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1994

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Edward Bowman.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 1995 at Senter Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 8 and 9, 1995 at Senter Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1994

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$70.00
Big Helton	30.00
Horse Creek	10.00
North Fork	113.00
Riverview	175.00
Roans Creek	84.00
Senter	300.00
Total	$782.00

Received from Donations Friday & Saturday.............412.00

Balance in Savings for Senter Association ---	$ 659.00
Withdrawn to pay to visiting ministers	116.00
Balance in savings	$543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to visiting Elders	830.00
(donations - $714.00)	
(savings - 116.00)	
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	360.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through song and prayer by Brother Paul Miller.
Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Edward Bowman
Rt. 2, Box 218AA, Woodlawn, Virginia 24318
Elder Arnold F. Childress
2995 Jackson Passage, Bloomington Springs, TN 38545
Elder Richard Cox
20 Wilbrook Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360
Elder Harvey Carpenter
322 Lakeview Shores LP, Moresville, NC 28115-9615
Elder Wayne Gibbons
P.O. Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373

Elder Denver Hollingsworth
551 Kendell Wood Church Road, Moultrie, GA. 31768
Elder John R. Jackson
Route 2, Box 872, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Eddie Lyle
1512 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Thomas Mann
100 Summit Way, SW, Roanoke, VA 24014
Elder Dan Parker
Route 7, Box 906, Danville, VA. 24540
Elder Samuel E. Parrish
Route 1, Box 234, Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder Paul E. Williams
230 Burnett Street, Richlands, VA. 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Calvin Yates (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder L. Richard Cox (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
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ANNUAL MEETING

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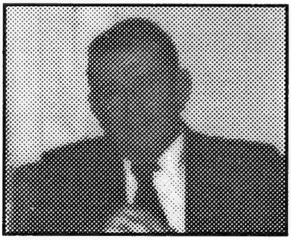
IN MEMORIAM



WILLIAM GARVIE DAVIS

JANUARY 7, 1926 - OCTOBER 25, 1993

William Garvie Davis, Crumpler, NC was born to Bryan and Hattie (Calhoun) Davis of Creston in 1926. He is survived by four sisters and two brothers. One brother preceded him in death. At age eighteen Garvie was drafted into the U.S. Army. Eighteen months of the two years he served was in Germany during WWII.

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Garvie united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church in October 1983. He was ordained a deacon in July 1988. He loved the church and always has a helping hand to those in need.

In 1991 Garvie was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was blessed to endure the disease with much patience. He departed this life October 25, 1993 at his home making his stay here 67 years, 9 months, and 18 days. He left behind a beautiful testimony that he would meet us again someday in heaven. May our loss be heaven's gain.

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The funeral service was conducted by Elders: Eddie Lyle, Steve Douglas, and James McNeill at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Floyd South and Sister LeElla South sang three hymns. Military rites were held at the cemetary. His body was laid to rest at Ashe Lawn Memorial Gardens in Jefferson awaiting the glorious resurrection.

MYRTLE DIXON CORRIHER

OCTOBER 12, 1910 - MAY 22, 1994

Myrtle Dixon Corriher, age 83, of 575 Cricket Lane, Mount Ulla, NC, died Sunday, May 22, 1994 at Davis Hospital in Statesville.

Born October 12, 1910, in Ashe County, Mrs. Corriher was a daughter of the late Preston and Lola Goodman Dixon. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Frontis Corriher, three sons - Edward Corriher of Salisbury, Everette Corriher, Granite Quarry and Gene Corriher of Morresville; two sisters, Lizzie Dixon and Nellie Hudler, both of Jefferson. She is also survived by six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted Wednesday, May 25, 1994 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church by Elder James McNeill, Elder Harvey Carpenter and Elder Floyd South. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Sister Corriher united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church in August, 1949. Though she lived out of the county for many years, she remained a loyal and faithful member of the church, returning for services as frequently as possible.

GLENNIE ST CLAIR MILLER

Glennie St Clair Miller, departed this life September 7, 1994. Her funeral was conducted September 9, 1994 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Calvin Yates, Elder James McNeill, and Elder Harvey Carpenter officiated with burial following in the church cemetery.

Sister Miller was born in Alexander County on October 13, 1912. She was the daughter of Will and Margaret Kerley St Clair. She was married to Wade H. Miller who preceded her in death on March 13, 1990.

Sister Miller is survived by one son, Ralph Miller of Taylorsville, NC, four daughters, Peggy Bentley, Ruth St Clair, Mary Bentley and Martha Mecimore, all of Taylorsville, NC; one sister, Bonnie Lail, of Taylorsville, NC; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Sister Miller united with Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on August 18, 1963. She was a loyal member until her death. She loved the doctrine of grace and was proud to tell her family and friends of the great work that the Lord has done. She was a strong defender of the faith and will be greatly missed not only by her family and friends but by her church family as well.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 20
Big Helton Elmer Ham
2214 Deep Ford Road Lansing, NC 28643 20
Horse Creek Elder Steve Douglas
5700 Garvey Bridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617 15
North Fork Paul Miller
1897 Conley Cheek Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626 20
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270 Joe Lyalls Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 30
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278 South South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694 35
Senter Bobby Absher
183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617 45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: *Aubrey E. Utz*
Madison, VA 22727 20
Mountain: *Roy Truitt*
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24333..........................20
Bear Creek: *Allen Copple*
Route 4, Asheboro, NC 27203 20

Silver Creek: *Elder Gene Watson*
145 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 20
North Carolina Collection: *The Library*
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 2
The Primitive Baptist Library: *Elon College*
Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244..2
The American Baptist Historical Society
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620................2
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Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109...2
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PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220 2
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Rt. 1, Box 14, Bluefield, WV 24701 20
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Big Helton - Third Sunday, 2:00 PM. Second Sunday, 2:00 PM. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgills, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC to Sturgills, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the highway.

Horse Creek - First and fourth Sundays, 11:00 AM, following respective Saturdays. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

North Fork - Sunday, following first Saturday, at 2:00 PM. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC and Trade, TN. take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Go about two miles, turn left on Gleen Miller Road. Church approximately one-tenth mile.

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1840	Horse Creek	Elder Steve Douglas	June	1 4	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	10.00
1785	North Fork	Brother Johnny McNeill, Brother Troy McNeill, Brother Paul Roten	July	1	0	0	0	4	0		0	0	0	15	113.00
1898	Riverview	Brother Donnie Cox, Brother Clyde Johnson, Brother Willard Hartzog, Brother Paul Miller, Alt.	June	1 3	2	0	0	0	0		0	3	1	27	175.00
1898	Roans Creek	Brother George Severt, Brother Richard Bare, Brother Millard Bare, Brother Roger Rutherford, Alt.	July	4	1	0	2	2	0		0	0	1	31	84.00
1829	Senter	Brother Tony Miller, Brother Ray Roten, Brother Virgil Brown, Brother Paul Bare, Alt.	June	1 2	0	1	0	0	0		4	1	3	51	300.00
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Ed Bowman from Mt. Lebanon Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Dan Parker.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Jack Nichols and Sister Louise Nichols
Brother Roy Truitt and Sister Shirley Truitt
Brother Jimmy Haynes
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Eddie Lyle

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson
Elder Gene Watson and Sister Pansy Watson

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina
Brother Michael and Sister Susan Lester

North Florida Fellowship Association
Elder Albert Altman

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Church, Woodland, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman

Community Church, Danville, Virginia
Elder Dan Parker

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Clyde Johnson

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Richard Bare
Brother Junior Davis
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Arvil Scott
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2005 at Senter Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 2004

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
North Fork	120.00
Riverview	90.00
Roans Creek	55.00
Senter	335.00
Total	$685.00
Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$292.00
Balance in Savings	$543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	507.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	350.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Bobby Absher.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Albert Altman
20324 CR 127 Glenn Street, Mary, FL 32040
Elder Edward Bowman
5771 Joy Branch Road, Woodland, VA 24381
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R & L Smith Drive, Danville, VA 24540
Elder Gene Watson
530 Legion Rd., Lenoir, NC 28645
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Ed Bowman (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder Dan Parker (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)

Elder Edward Bowman (afternoon sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:
Elder James McNeill (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:
Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (sermon)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:
Bro. Jimmy Haynes (introduced with prayer)
Elder John Jackson (sermon)
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:
Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Albert Altman (sermon)
Elder Eddie Lyle (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:
Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bobby Absher (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night—April 10–15, 2005.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (336) 982-2163
Lic. Larry Davis	244 W.A. Reed Rd. Laurel Springs, NC 28644
Elder James McNeill	5862 U.S. 221 North Crumpler, NC 28617 Telephone: (336) 982-3802
Elder Floyd South	278 South Avenue West Jefferson, NC 28694 Telephone: (336) 246-7456
Elder C.O. Yates	2415 Lower Nettle Knob Road West Jefferson, NC 28694 Telephone (336) 877-4991

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek	Elders James McNeill and Bobby Absher
North Fork	Elders Bobby Absher and John Jackson
Riverview	Elders C.O. Yates and James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder Bobby Absher

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 20
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
North Fork: Sharon Kellam 20
PO Box 252, Warrensville, NC 28693
Riverview: Dan Miller 30
153 Big Piney Creek Rd., Lansing, NC 28643
Roans Creek: Elder Floyd South 25
278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Senter: Elder Bobby Absher 45
183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620
Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 20
3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
The Christian Baptist Library..........2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220
Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin 20
PO Box 572, Culpeper, VA 22701
Mountain: Roy Truitt..........20
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24336
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:
Randolph Miller..........20
Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983
New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association:
Ronald Sargent..........20
2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-1482

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
Silver Creek: Revonda Swanson 21
2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens 21
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library 2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek: 4th Sunday in May
Senter: 2nd Sunday in June
Riverview: 3rd Sunday in June
North Fork: 2nd Sunday in July
Roans Creek: 4th Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Burl Fowler

Paul Harvey Bare

Thelma Lorraine Roten Miller Phillips

Jennie Myrtle Blevins Caraway

THOMAS BURL FOWLER

April 5, 1923–February 12, 2004

Thomas Burl Fowler, age 80, of Crumpler, died Thursday, February 12, 2004 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 5, 1923 in the Nathans Creek community to the late Tom and Annie Edwards Fowler. He grew up in that area where he attended elementary and high school. During WWII he entered the army and served overseas. When Burl returned home, he enrolled in Milligan College in Tennessee where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Later he attended Appalachian State University where he earned a Master of Arts degree in education. Burl worked in the Ashe County School System for 34 years. He was a teacher at Healing Springs Elementary School for 12 years and was principal for 22 years prior to retiring in 1985.

During his life, Brother Burl was very involved in community and civic affairs. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Committee for the New River and was instrumental in the preservation of the New River when it was threatened with being dammed in the 1970's. He served as President of the Ashe County Historical Society and the Ashe County Cancer Society and was member of several local and national organizations.

Brother Burl united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on July 25, 1987 where he remained a member until his death. He was a staunch defender of his faith.

Brother Burl is survived by his wife Dorinda Fowler of the home; two sons, Thomas Fowler, Jr. of Crumpler and Andy Fowler of Mocksville and one daughter, Dr. Vickie Ingledue of Jefferson. Also surviving is a step-daughter, Sue Johnson of Grassy Creek; two sisters, Pauline Richardson and Lillian Richardson of Crumpler; two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at the Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Bobby Absher and the Rev. Peter Parish officiated. Burial followed in the Brown Fowler Cemetery.

Brother Burl was a caring husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor. He left behind many relatives and friends and will be greatly missed.

PAUL HARVEY BARE

February 18, 1920–April 28, 2004

Paul Harvey Bare, age 84 of Crumpler died on Wednesday night, April 28, 2004 at Forsyth Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 2, 2004 at 2:00 pm at Senter Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Bobby Absher and Elder James McNeill. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brother Paul was born in Ashe County on Wednesday, February 18, 1920 to the late Hiram and Mertie Ann Bare.

Brother Paul is survived by his wife, Hazel Phillips Bare, a son Paul Bare, Jr., and wife Nancy of Crumpler; two brothers, Burrell Bare and wife Helen of Crumpler and Walker Bare of Crumpler; a sister Mabel Bare Phillips of Fleetwood. Brother Paul is also survived by two grandchildren, Nicole Bare of Winston-Salem and Jerry Bare of Crumpler. Several nieces and nephews also survived.

Brother Paul made his livelihood as a farmer and served with the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Brother Paul united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1971. He was ordained as a deacon shortly afterwards and filled this office faithfully until his death. Brother Paul took his duties seriously and worked for peace and fellowship in the church.

Brother Paul was well respected by the whole community. He was a man of strong faith and convictions and he demonstrated this daily by the way he lived. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

THELMA LORRAINE ROTEN MILLER PHILLIPS

December 27, 1930–July 27, 2004

Lorraine Roten Miller Phillips was born December 27, 1930 to Paul and Edna Roten. She was married to Robert Miller who died in 1964. She later married Maynard Phillips who also preceded her in death.

Sister Lorraine is survived by six children, Roberta Miller Pennington, Levita Miller Schweers, Robert Miller, Gerry Miller, Ricky Miller and Walter Miller; her mother and father, Paul and Edna Roten; one brother, Dalton Roten, and 12 grandchildren.

Sister Lorraine was a member of North Fork Primitive Baptist Church and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. Although she was very ill, she continued to be interested in the church and desired to be able to attend.

Her funeral was held at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church on July 30, 2004 by Elder John Jackson and Rev. Chuck Call. Burial followed in the Graybeal-Roten Cemetery.

Sister Lorraine was a loving and caring mother. She was always concerned with the needs of her family and even after she became very ill, she thought of her family before herself.

Sister Lorraine was a kind, generous neighbor and friend. Her sweet smile and loving nature will be missed greatly by her family, friends and neighbors as well as her church family.

We know that she is at home with her blessed Saviour, and her body awaits the glorious Resurrection Day.

JENNIE MYRTLE BLEVINS CARAWAY

April 18, 1915–August 15, 2004

Jennie Myrtle Blevins Caraway, age 89, of Crumpler passed away Sunday, August 15, 2004 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Bobby Absher, Elder John Jackson, and Elder Howard Davis officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Sister Myrtle was born April 18, 1915 to Gaither Blevins and Bertie Walton Blevins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Reece Caraway, and a grandson, Brian Caraway.

Sister Myrtle is survived by three sons, Joe Caraway, Ken Caraway, and Keith Caraway all of Charlotte, NC; and one daughter, Jennie Caraway Bare of Jefferson. She is also survived by two brothers, Harvey Blevins of West Jefferson and Earl Blevins of Crumpler; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Myrtle united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on August 12, 1991. She was a faithful member and attended services as long as her health permitted.

Sister Myrtle had a wonderful personality and loved being with people. Due to declining health, she was unable to get out very much for several years prior to her death. She loved for friends to visit and she always had a smile and welcome for everyone who came.

Sister Myrtle will be missed by her family, her friends, and everyone who was privileged to know her. She made friends easily and didn't dwell on her declining health. Her faith was strong and we know her soul and spirit has gone back to God who gave it. Her body lies waiting the Glorious Resurrection, evermore to be with the Lord.

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1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Jack Nichols and Sister Louise Nichols
Brother Roy Truitt and Sister Shirley Truitt
Brother Jimmy Haynes
Brother Page and Sister Hazel Wagoner

St. Clair Bottom Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Elder Eddie Lyle

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson
Elder Gene Watson and Sister Pansy Watson

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina
Brother Michael and Sister Susan Lester

North Florida Fellowship Association
Elder Albert Altman

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Church, Woodland, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman

Community Church, Danville, Virginia
Elder Dan Parker

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Willard Hartzog
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Clyde Johnson

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Richard Bare
Brother Junior Davis
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Clyde Johnson
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Arvil Scott
Elder Floyd South
Brother Don Walters

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September, 2005 at Senter Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Senter Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 2004

Reported from Churches:

Beaver Creek	$80.00
North Fork	120.00
Riverview	90.00
Roans Creek	55.00
Senter	335.00
Total	$685.00
Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$292.00
Balance in Savings	$543.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$20.00
To the Assistant Moderator	20.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	20.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	507.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	350.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Bobby Absher.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Albert Altman
20324 CR 127 Glenn Street, Mary, FL 32040
Elder Edward Bowman
5771 Joy Branch Road, Woodland, VA 24381
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Dan Parker
3849 R & L Smith Drive, Danville, VA 24540
Elder Gene Watson
530 Legion Rd., Lenoir, NC 28645
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Ed Bowman (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder Dan Parker (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)

Elder Edward Bowman (afternoon sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder James McNeill (introduced with prayer)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (sermon)
Elder Dan Parker (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

Bro. Jimmy Haynes (introduced with prayer)
Elder John Jackson (sermon)
Elder Floyd South (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Albert Altman (sermon)
Elder Eddie Lyle (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Sunday Morning:

Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Bobby Absher (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night—April 10–15, 2005.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Bobby Absher
183 Old Ridge Road
Crumpler, NC 28617
Telephone: (336) 982-2163

Lic. Larry Davis
244 W.A. Reed Rd.
Laurel Springs, NC 28644

Elder James McNeill
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Crumpler, NC 28617
Telephone: (336) 982-3802

Elder Floyd South
278 South Avenue
West Jefferson, NC 28694
Telephone: (336) 246-7456

Elder C.O. Yates
2415 Lower Nettle Knob Road
West Jefferson, NC 28694
Telephone (336) 877-4991

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek	Elders James McNeill and Bobby Absher
North Fork	Elders Bobby Absher and John Jackson
Riverview	Elders C.O. Yates and James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder Bobby Absher

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 20
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
North Fork: Sharon Kellam 20
PO Box 252, Warrensville, NC 28693
Riverview: Dan Miller 30
153 Big Piney Creek Rd., Lansing, NC 28643
Roans Creek: Elder Floyd South 25
278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Senter: Elder Bobby Absher 45
183 Old Ridge Road, Crumpler, NC 28617

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620
Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 20
3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
The Christian Baptist Library..............................2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220
Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin 20
PO Box 572, Culpeper, VA 22701
Mountain: Roy Truitt..............................20
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24336
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:
Randolph Miller..............................20
Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983
New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association:
Ronald Sargent..............................20
2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-1482

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
Silver Creek: Revonda Swanson 21
2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens 21
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library 2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek: 4th Sunday in May
Senter: 2nd Sunday in June
Riverview: 3rd Sunday in June
North Fork: 2nd Sunday in July
Roans Creek: 4th Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

13. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

16. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

17. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

19. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that All who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Beaver Creek — Second Sunday morning, 11:00 AM, and fourth Sunday, 2:00 PM A brick building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 south about one mile to Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

North Fork — First and Third Sundays at 2:00 P.M. Take Hwy. 88 West from Warrensville. Approximately 1 1/2 miles turn right on Staggs Creek Road. Continue on Staggs Creek Road approximately 1 mile. Church is at the intersection of Staggs Creek Road and Glenn Miller Road.

Riverview — From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. the brick church is on the left of the road.

Roans Creek — First and fourth Sundays, 10:30 A.M. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

Senter — First and Fourth Sunday nights, 6:30 PM; Saturday night preceding the Second Sunday, 6:30 PM; (During Daylight Savings Time all services begin at 7:00 PM); Second Sunday Afternoon at 1:30 PM. Senter Church is a brick building located between Jefferson, NC and Sparta, NC off of Hwy. 221 on Nathan's Creek School Road. It is approximately eight miles from Jefferson.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Burl Fowler

Paul Harvey Bare

Thelma Lorraine Roten Miller Phillips

Jennie Myrtle Blevins Caraway

THOMAS BURL FOWLER

April 5, 1923–February 12, 2004

Thomas Burl Fowler, age 80, of Crumpler, died Thursday, February 12, 2004 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

He was born on April 5, 1923 in the Nathans Creek community to the late Tom and Annie Edwards Fowler. He grew up in that area where he attended elementary and high school. During WWII he entered the army and served overseas. When Burl returned home, he enrolled in Milligan College in Tennessee where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Later he attended Appalachian State University where he earned a Master of Arts degree in education. Burl worked in the Ashe County School System for 34 years. He was a teacher at Healing Springs Elementary School for 12 years and was principal for 22 years prior to retiring in 1985.

During his life, Brother Burl was very involved in community and civic affairs. He served on the Board of Directors of the National Committee for the New River and was instrumental in the preservation of the New River when it was threatened with being dammed in the 1970's. He served as President of the Ashe County Historical Society and the Ashe County Cancer Society and was member of several local and national organizations.

Brother Burl united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on July 25, 1987 where he remained a member until his death. He was a staunch defender of his faith.

Brother Burl is survived by his wife Dorinda Fowler of the home; two sons, Thomas Fowler, Jr. of Crumpler and Andy Fowler of Mocksville and one daughter, Dr. Vickie Ingledue of Jefferson. Also surviving is a step-daughter, Sue Johnson of Grassy Creek; two sisters, Pauline Richardson and Lillian Richardson of Crumpler; two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at the Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Bobby Absher and the Rev. Peter Parish officiated. Burial followed in the Brown Fowler Cemetery.

Brother Burl was a caring husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor. He left behind many relatives and friends and will be greatly missed.

PAUL HARVEY BARE

February 18, 1920–April 28, 2004

Paul Harvey Bare, age 84 of Crumpler died on Wednesday night, April 28, 2004 at Forsyth Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 2, 2004 at 2:00 pm at Senter Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Bobby Absher and Elder James McNeill. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Brother Paul was born in Ashe County on Wednesday, February 18, 1920 to the late Hiram and Mertie Ann Bare.

Brother Paul is survived by his wife, Hazel Phillips Bare, a son Paul Bare, Jr., and wife Nancy of Crumpler; two brothers, Burrell Bare and wife Helen of Crumpler and Walker Bare of Crumpler; a sister Mabel Bare Phillips of Fleetwood. Brother Paul is also survived by two grandchildren, Nicole Bare of Winston-Salem and Jerry Bare of Crumpler. Several nieces and nephews also survived.

Brother Paul made his livelihood as a farmer and served with the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Brother Paul united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church in April, 1971. He was ordained as a deacon shortly afterwards and filled this office faithfully until his death. Brother Paul took his duties seriously and worked for peace and fellowship in the church.

Brother Paul was well respected by the whole community. He was a man of strong faith and convictions and he demonstrated this daily by the way he lived. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

THELMA LORRAINE ROTEN MILLER PHILLIPS

December 27, 1930–July 27, 2004

Lorraine Roten Miller Phillips was born December 27, 1930 to Paul and Edna Roten. She was married to Robert Miller who died in 1964. She later married Maynard Phillips who also preceded her in death.

Sister Lorraine is survived by six children, Roberta Miller Pennington, Levita Miller Schweers, Robert Miller, Gerry Miller, Ricky Miller and Walter Miller; her mother and father, Paul and Edna Roten; one brother, Dalton Roten, and 12 grandchildren.

Sister Lorraine was a member of North Fork Primitive Baptist Church and attended faithfully as long as her health permitted. Although she was very ill, she continued to be interested in the church and desired to be able to attend.

Her funeral was held at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church on July 30, 2004 by Elder John Jackson and Rev. Chuck Call. Burial followed in the Graybeal-Roten Cemetery.

Sister Lorraine was a loving and caring mother. She was always concerned with the needs of her family and even after she became very ill, she thought of her family before herself.

Sister Lorraine was a kind, generous neighbor and friend. Her sweet smile and loving nature will be missed greatly by her family, friends and neighbors as well as her church family.

We know that she is at home with her blessed Saviour, and her body awaits the glorious Resurrection Day.

JENNIE MYRTLE BLEVINS CARAWAY

April 18, 1915–August 15, 2004

Jennie Myrtle Blevins Caraway, age 89, of Crumpler passed away Sunday, August 15, 2004 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Bobby Absher, Elder John Jackson, and Elder Howard Davis officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Sister Myrtle was born April 18, 1915 to Gaither Blevins and Bertie Walton Blevins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Reece Caraway, and a grandson, Brian Caraway.

Sister Myrtle is survived by three sons, Joe Caraway, Ken Caraway, and Keith Caraway all of Charlotte, NC; and one daughter, Jennie Caraway Bare of Jefferson. She is also survived by two brothers, Harvey Blevins of West Jefferson and Earl Blevins of Crumpler; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Myrtle united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on August 12, 1991. She was a faithful member and attended services as long as her health permitted.

Sister Myrtle had a wonderful personality and loved being with people. Due to declining health, she was unable to get out very much for several years prior to her death. She loved for friends to visit and she always had a smile and welcome for everyone who came.

Sister Myrtle will be missed by her family, her friends, and everyone who was privileged to know her. She made friends easily and didn't dwell on her declining health. Her faith was strong and we know her soul and spirit has gone back to God who gave it. Her body lies waiting the Glorious Resurrection, evermore to be with the Lord.

STATISTICAL TABLE

2004

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1785	Beaver Creek	Bro. Larry Davis, Bro. Tony Jordan, Bro. Don Walters	May	2 4	0	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	8	$80.00
1785	North Fork	Bro. Arvil Scott	July	1 3	0	0	0	0	0		0	9	1	11	$120.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Donnie Cox, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Alt.	June	1 3	2	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	20	90.00
1869	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Elder Floyd South, Sister Jackie Bare, Sister Lee Ella South, Alt.	July	1 4	1	0	2	0	0		0	0	0	26	55.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Tony Miller, Bro. Ray Roten, Bro. Junior Davis, Alt.	June	2	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	3	39	335.00
		TOTAL................................													685.00

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MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Fifty-Third Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
RIVERVIEW CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, and 10, 2006

The next session will convene with Roans Creek Church on September 7, 8, and 9, 2007. The directions to the church are as follows: A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC about seven miles. The church is on the left of the road.

OFFICERS

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BROTHER DON WALTERS ....ASST. CLERK

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Ed Bowman from the Mt. Lebanon Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Brother Bobby Davis
Brother John and Sister Carole Edwards
Elder Curtis Hash

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson

Fisher River Association
Elder Joey Jenkins
Elder Avery Branch
Deacon Johnny Ray Childress
Brother Jimmy Marshall
Brother Walter Taylor

St. Clair Association
Elder Eddie Lyle
Brother Joe Lyle
Elder Larry Blevins

Little Yadkin Association
Brother Gray Baker

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Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Woodland, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman
Brother Larry W. Davis
Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia
Brother Keith Hiatt
Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia
Sister Lucy F. Wilson

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Joel McNeill
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Donnie Cox

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Don Walters
Elder Floyd South
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Curtis Hash.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2007 at Roans Creek Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee reported as follows:

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To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	0.00
To the Clerk	120.00
To the Assistant Clerk	0.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	625.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	400.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Wayne Severt.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Floyd South, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Edward Bowman
5771 Joy Branch Road, Woodland, VA 24381
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641
Elder Joey Jenkins
626 W. Mt. Hermon Church Road, Elkin, NC 28621
Elder Avery Branch
202 Poplar Springs Road, Elkin, NC 28621
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Larry Blevins
194 Dancy Road, Marion, VA 24354

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder John Jackson (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

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Elder Bobby Absher (sermon)
Brother Wayne Severt (closed with prayer)

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Elder Eddie Lyle (introduced with prayer)
Elder Avery Branch (sermon)
Elder Joey Jenkins (sermon)
Brother Wayne Severt (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

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Elder Larry Blevins (sermon)
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Saturday Night:

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CONSTITUTION

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3. The Association will continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

5. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

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7. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

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11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

12. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

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14. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

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18. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

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4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

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6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

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Riverview — From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately .3 mile. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right about 1 mile. the brick church is on the left of the road.

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OBITUARIES

Willard Cecil Hartzog
Riverview Primitive Baptist Church

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Riverview Primitive Baptist Church

Grace Pauline Fowler Richardson
Senter Primitive Baptist Church

Edna Emmaline Richardson
North Fork Primitive Baptist Church

WILLARD CECIL HARTZOG

March 27, 1921 - October 24, 2005

Brother Willard Cecil Hartzog, age 84 of West Jefferson, departed this life on Monday, October 24, 2005 after a short illness. He was born March 27, 1921 to the late Robert Lester and Della Mae Phillips Hartzog.

Funeral services were held on October 27, 2005 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church with Elder James McNeill and Elder Bobby Absher officiating. Burial followed in Ashelawn Memorial Gardens where his body awaits the glorious Resurrection Day.

Brother Willard served in the Pacific Theater during World War II rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. His tour would take him from home for three years. He left the service with an Honorable Discharge, returning home to become a valued member of the community.

On December 23, 1950, he married Zilpha Toby Hartzog. Together they would build a house and raise a family in the community where he lived out his natural life. He made his living in the carpentry trade and later building the beautiful furniture, and custom cabinets he would be known for later in his life.

Brother Willard and Sister Toby professed the faith they had held for many years by joining Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and going into the waters of baptism together on September 22, 1963. Brother Willard was ordained to the office of deacon on June 20, 1964. He performed the duties of this office with a quiet dignity and grace until his death. He proved to be a gentle giant in the church.

Brother Willard is survived by his wife, Toby Hartzog of the home, two daughters, Cindie Jones of West Jefferson, Janet Whittington of Burlington, Two grandsons, Travis Jones and Samuel Whittington, a step-grandson, Rex Whittington, three step-granddaughters, Darlene Slate, Ginger Rhoades, and Cindy Wooten: seven great-grandchildren. A brother Carson Hartzog. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

CLYDE ALLEN JOHNSON

Clyde Johnson was born in Wilkes County on May 21, 1939 to Percy Lee and Eva Johnson. He passed away on May 18, 2006 at the age of 66.

Brother Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister, and one granddaughter. He is survived by his wife Agnes Dillard Johnson, one son Glenn, one daughter Martha Cox, four grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters.

He was baptized into the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on April 18, 1976 and was a faithful and dedicated member until his death.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Eddie Lyle and Elder James McNeill officiated. He was buried in the Dillard Family Cemetery.

Brother Clyde will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

GRACE PAULINE FOWLER RICHARDSON

Grace Pauline Fowler Richardson passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at Ashe Memorial Hospital in Jefferson, NC. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 22 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Bobby Absher, Elder Edward Bowman and Nathan Eggers. Burial followed at Brown Fowler Family Cemetery in Crumpler, NC.

Sister Pauline was born February 7, 1921 to Thomas Fowler and Annie Edwards Fowler. She was preceded in death by her husband James "Buster" Richardson. Sister Pauline is survived by two sons, Jim Richardson and Kenneth Richardson of Crumpler. She had three daughters, Volree Johnston of Kernersville, Debra Freeman and Edna Michaels of Lexington, NC. She is survived by one sister, Lillian Richardson of Crumpler. She was also survived by seventeen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Pauline united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on April 14, 1991. She was a faithful member and attended church regularly as long as her health permitted.

Pauline loved all her children and grandchildren and was always concerned about their well being. She liked to have them around her. She always tried to treat them all alike. She always worried about them being fed properly.

Sister Pauline loved her flowers and always kept them very well. She always enjoyed having someone come to visit.

Sister Pauline will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She had a strong faith in the Primitive Baptist Church. We know she is at Home today with her Savior and waiting a glorious Resurrection Day.

EDNA EMMALINE RICHARDSON ROTEN

1914 - 2006

Edna Emmaline Richardson was born October 2, 1914 on what is now the Dale Sapp Road in the Clifton Community of Ashe County, North Carolina to James Floyd "Pet" and Samonia Avery Roark Richardson. Edna was the youngest of 14 children. Her parents and all her siblings preceded her in death.

She was baptized November 1936 into the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church. Services were being held at Rich Hill School at that time. She was married at the age of 15 to Paul Woodrow Roten on January 25, 1930 in Warrensville, North Carolina. The ceremony took place at the home of Paul's brother, Willie. Just a week shy of 75 years of marriage, Paul preceded her in death on January 17, 2005.

Edna and Paul had three children, two of whom preceded her in death. Dorothy Arlene Roten drowned on July 16, 1949 and Lorraine R. Miller Phillips died July 27, 2004 of ovarian cancer. One child, James Dalton Roten of the home survives. Edna and Paul had 6 grandchildren: Roberta Miller Pennington (Rodney) of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, Loveta Miller Schweers (Owen) of Salisbury, Maryland, Robert Miller (Cathy) of Warrensville, North Carolina, Gerry Miller (who died August 11, 2005), Ricky Miller of the Rich Hill Community, and Walter Miller (Polly) of Troutman, North Carolina. Edna was also survived by several nieces and nephews and 12 great grandchildren: Robin Pennington York (Mike), Rebecca Pennington Anderson (Chris), Ryan Adams, Lorrie Adams Budinger (Jason), Randy Miller (Diana), Kristy Miller Grant, Melissa Miller Cleary (Barry), Jamie Miller, Chris Miller, Andy Miller, Grant Miller, and Emma Miller, and 10 great great grandchildren: Taylor York, Logan Anderson, Grace Anderson, Amber Budinger, Jack Budinger, Holly Grant, Chris Jones, Cody Cleary, Jamie Miller, Jr., and Phoenix Lee Miller.

Edna died March 2, 2006 in Seagraves Nursing Care Center, Jefferson, North Carolina after having said goodbye to all her family. Funeral services were held at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Bobby H. Absher and Elder John Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Roten-Graybeal Family Cemetery on West Mill Creek Road. The pallbearers were Walter Miller, Ryan Adams, Randy Miller, Jerry Roland, J.M. Richardson, and Roger Richardson.

Edna was able to garden well into her eighties and spent her winter months making quilts. She was an excellent cook and had a great love for her church.

Written by her granddaughter, Loveta Miller Schweers

STATISTICAL TABLE

2006

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
	Bear Creek	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Ruth Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis	May	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	3	$60.00
1785	Beaver Creek	Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Tony Jordan, Alt. Elder Larry Davis	May	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	8	$60.00
1785	North Fork	Bro. Arvill Scott, Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Mary Bare	July	1 3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	12	$125.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Joel McNeill, Bro. Donnie Cox, Alt. Bro. Albert Severt	June	1 3	1	0	3	0	0		0	0	2	19	350.00
1869	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Elder Floyd South, Sister Jackie Sheets, Alt. Sister Evelyn Wyatt	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	21	80.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Vernon Roten Bro. Tony Miller, Alt. Bro. Ray Roten	June	2	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	35	207.00
		TOTAL............................													1142.00

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Ed Bowman from the Mt. Lebanon Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Floyd South as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia
Brother Bobby Davis
Brother John and Sister Carole Edwards
Elder Curtis Hash

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson

Fisher River Association
Elder Joey Jenkins
Elder Avery Branch
Deacon Johnny Ray Childress
Brother Jimmy Marshall
Brother Walter Taylor

St. Clair Association
Elder Eddie Lyle
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Little Yadkin Association
Brother Gray Baker

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church, Woodland, Virginia
Elder Edward Bowman
Brother Larry W. Davis
Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia
Brother Keith Hiatt
Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia
Sister Lucy F. Wilson

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Joel McNeill
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Donnie Cox

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
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C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
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Brother Don Walters
Elder Floyd South
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Curtis Hash.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2007 at Roans Creek Church.

4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 350 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

9. The finance committee reported as follows:

Year 2006, Reported from Churches

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10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Wayne Severt.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
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VISITING ELDERS

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5771 Joy Branch Road, Woodland, VA 24381
Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
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230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641
Elder Joey Jenkins
626 W. Mt. Hermon Church Road, Elkin, NC 28621
Elder Avery Branch
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Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Larry Blevins
194 Dancy Road, Marion, VA 24354

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Elder John Jackson (opened business with prayer)

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WILLARD CECIL HARTZOG

March 27, 1921 - October 24, 2005

Brother Willard Cecil Hartzog, age 84 of West Jefferson, departed this life on Monday, October 24, 2005 after a short illness. He was born March 27, 1921 to the late Robert Lester and Della Mae Phillips Hartzog.

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Brother Willard served in the Pacific Theater during World War II rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. His tour would take him from home for three years. He left the service with an Honorable Discharge, returning home to become a valued member of the community.

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CLYDE ALLEN JOHNSON

Clyde Johnson was born in Wilkes County on May 21, 1939 to Percy Lee and Eva Johnson. He passed away on May 18, 2006 at the age of 66.

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Brother Clyde will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

GRACE PAULINE FOWLER RICHARDSON

Grace Pauline Fowler Richardson passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at Ashe Memorial Hospital in Jefferson, NC. Funeral service was held on Saturday, October 22 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Bobby Absher, Elder Edward Bowman and Nathan Eggers. Burial followed at Brown Fowler Family Cemetery in Crumpler, NC.

Sister Pauline was born February 7, 1921 to Thomas Fowler and Annie Edwards Fowler. She was preceded in death by her husband James "Buster" Richardson. Sister Pauline is survived by two sons, Jim Richardson and Kenneth Richardson of Crumpler. She had three daughters, Volree Johnston of Kernersville, Debra Freeman and Edna Michaels of Lexington, NC. She is survived by one sister, Lillian Richardson of Crumpler. She was also survived by seventeen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sister Pauline united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on April 14, 1991. She was a faithful member and attended church regularly as long as her health permitted.

Pauline loved all her children and grandchildren and was always concerned about their well being. She liked to have them around her. She always tried to treat them all alike. She always worried about them being fed properly.

Sister Pauline loved her flowers and always kept them very well. She always enjoyed having someone come to visit.

Sister Pauline will be greatly missed by her family and friends. She had a strong faith in the Primitive Baptist Church. We know she is at Home today with her Savior and waiting a glorious Resurrection Day.

EDNA EMMALINE RICHARDSON ROTEN

1914 - 2006

Edna Emmaline Richardson was born October 2, 1914 on what is now the Dale Sapp Road in the Clifton Community of Ashe County, North Carolina to James Floyd "Pet" and Samonia Avery Roark Richardson. Edna was the youngest of 14 children. Her parents and all her siblings preceded her in death.

She was baptized November 1936 into the North Fork Primitive Baptist Church. Services were being held at Rich Hill School at that time. She was married at the age of 15 to Paul Woodrow Roten on January 25, 1930 in Warrensville, North Carolina. The ceremony took place at the home of Paul's brother, Willie. Just a week shy of 75 years of marriage, Paul preceded her in death on January 17, 2005.

Edna and Paul had three children, two of whom preceded her in death. Dorothy Arlene Roten drowned on July 16, 1949 and Lorraine R. Miller Phillips died July 27, 2004 of ovarian cancer. One child, James Dalton Roten of the home survives. Edna and Paul had 6 grandchildren: Roberta Miller Pennington (Rodney) of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, Loveta Miller Schweers (Owen) of Salisbury, Maryland, Robert Miller (Cathy) of Warrensville, North Carolina, Gerry Miller (who died August 11, 2005), Ricky Miller of the Rich Hill Community, and Walter Miller (Polly) of Troutman, North Carolina. Edna was also survived by several nieces and nephews and 12 great grandchildren: Robin Pennington York (Mike), Rebecca Pennington Anderson (Chris), Ryan Adams, Lorrie Adams Budinger (Jason), Randy Miller (Diana), Kristy Miller Grant, Melissa Miller Cleary (Barry), Jamie Miller, Chris Miller, Andy Miller, Grant Miller, and Emma Miller, and 10 great great grandchildren: Taylor York, Logan Anderson, Grace Anderson, Amber Budinger, Jack Budinger, Holly Grant, Chris Jones, Cody Cleary, Jamie Miller, Jr., and Phoenix Lee Miller.

Edna died March 2, 2006 in Seagraves Nursing Care Center, Jefferson, North Carolina after having said goodbye to all her family. Funeral services were held at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Bobby H. Absher and Elder John Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Roten-Graybeal Family Cemetery on West Mill Creek Road. The pallbearers were Walter Miller, Ryan Adams, Randy Miller, Jerry Roland, J.M. Richardson, and Roger Richardson.

Edna was able to garden well into her eighties and spent her winter months making quilts. She was an excellent cook and had a great love for her church.

Written by her granddaughter, Loveta Miller Schweers

STATISTICAL TABLE

2006

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
	Bear Creek	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Ruth Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis	May	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	3	$60.00
1785	Beaver Creek	Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Tony Jordan, Alt. Elder Larry Davis	May	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	8	$60.00
1785	North Fork	Bro. Arvill Scott, Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Mary Bare	July	1 3	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	12	$125.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Joel McNeill, Bro. Donnie Cox, Alt. Bro. Albert Severt	June	1 3	1	0	3	0	0		0	0	2	19	350.00
1869	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Elder Floyd South, Sister Jackie Sheets, Alt. Sister Evelyn Wyatt	July	1 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	21	80.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Vernon Roten Bro. Tony Miller, Alt. Bro. Ray Roten	June	2	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	35	207.00
		TOTAL..................................													1142.00

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MINUTES

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of the

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder James McNeill from Riverview Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Brother Bobby Davis
Elder Curtis and Sister Wanda Hash
Brother Jack and Louise Nichols

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson

Fisher River Association
Brother Walter Taylor

St. Clair's Bottom Association
Elder Schultz Pratt
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Brother Billy Joe Lyle
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Little Yadkin Association
Brother Gray Baker

Original Bear Creek Association
Brother Michael and Sister Susan Lester
Jonathan Lester
Elder Wayne Gibbons

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Joel McNeill
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Donnie Cox

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Don Walters
Elder Floyd South
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Schultz Pratt.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2008 at Bear Creek Church; Saturday and Sunday meetings will be held with Riverview Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Riverview Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 300 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee report is as follows:

Year 2007, Reported from Churches

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Riverview	218.00
Roans Creek	65.00
Senter	230.00
Total	**$825.00**
Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$271.00
Balance in Savings	$492.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	0.00
To the Clerk	120.00
To the Assistant Clerk	0.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	536.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	450.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Wayne Gibbons.

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VISITING ELDERS

Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Wayne Gibbons
PO Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373
Elder Schultz Pratt
PO Box 843, Glade Spring, VA 24340

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder John Jackson (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (afternoon sermon)
Elder Don Blevins (closed with prayer)

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ANNUAL MEETING

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 15
775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis 10
315 Jarvis Road, Ennice, NC 28623
North Fork: Mary Bare 15
521 Oak Knob Trail, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Riverview: Paul Miller 25
1897 Conley Cheek Rd., Fleetwood, NC 28626
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278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Senter: Vernon Roten 40
184 Big Flatts Mortz Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 2
1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620
Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 20
3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 28110
The Christian Baptist Library 2
PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220
Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin 20
PO Box 572, Culpeper, VA 22701
Mountain: Roy Truitt 20
102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24336
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association:
Randolph Miller 20
Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983
New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association:
Ronald Sargent 20
2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550
304-675-1482

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
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2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
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103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library 2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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of the

One Hundred Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

SENTER DISTRICT

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with

ROANS CREEK CHURCH

Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, and 9, 2007

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Proceedings of the Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder James McNeill from Riverview Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Paul Williams from Richlands Virginia.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Brother Bobby Davis
Elder Curtis and Sister Wanda Hash
Brother Jack and Louise Nichols

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina
Elder John R. Jackson

Fisher River Association
Brother Walter Taylor

St. Clair's Bottom Association
Elder Schultz Pratt
Elder Eddie Lyle
Brother Billy Joe Lyle
Brother Don Blevins

Little Yadkin Association
Brother Gray Baker

Original Bear Creek Association
Brother Michael and Sister Susan Lester
Jonathan Lester
Elder Wayne Gibbons

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Walnut Cove Primitive Baptist Church, Walnut Cove, NC
Brother Paul V. Lemons

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, Virginia
Elder Paul E. Williams

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
   Brother Joel McNeill
   Brother Arvil Scott
   Brother Don Walters
   Brother Donnie Cox

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
   Brother Vernon Roten
   Brother Wayne Severt
   Brother Tony Jordan
   Brother Paul Miller
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C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
   Elder Bobby Absher
   Brother Wayne Severt
   Brother Paul Miller
   Brother Don Walters
   Elder Floyd South
   Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Elder Floyd South.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Schultz Pratt.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2008 at Bear Creek Church; Saturday and Sunday meetings will be held with Riverview Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Riverview Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 300 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee report is as follows:

Year 2007, Reported from Churches

Bear Creek	$80.00
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Senter	230.00
Total	**$825.00**
Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$271.00
Balance in Savings	$492.00

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	0.00
To the Clerk	120.00
To the Assistant Clerk	0.00
Paid to Visiting Elders	536.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	450.00

10. Minutes read and approved.

11. That the Association adjourn through prayer by Brother Wayne Gibbons.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
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VISITING ELDERS

Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA 24348
Elder John Jackson
103 Tom Jackson, Boone, NC 28607
Elder Paul Williams
230 Burnette Street, Richlands, VA 24641
Elder Eddie G. Lyle
1521 Elliott Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Wayne Gibbons
PO Box 15, Wallburg, NC 27373
Elder Schultz Pratt
PO Box 843, Glade Spring, VA 24340

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (introductory sermon)
Elder John Jackson (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder Curtis Hash (afternoon sermon)
Elder Don Blevins (closed with prayer)

Friday Night:

Elder Floyd South (introduced with prayer)
Elder Larry Davis (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (closed with prayer)

Saturday Morning:

Elder John Jackson (introduced with prayer)
Elder Paul Williams (sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (closed with prayer)

Saturday Afternoon:

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Elder Wayne Gibbons (sermon)
Elder Schultz Pratt (sermon)
Elder Wayne Severt (closed with prayer)

Saturday Night:

Elder Larry Davis (introduced with prayer)
Elder Eddie Lyle (sermon)
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Sunday Morning:

Elder Bobby Absher (introduced with prayer)
Elder Floyd South (sermon)
Elder James McNeill (sermon)
Brother Wayne Severt (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting the second Sunday night of April and running through Friday night—April 13–18, 2008.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Bobby Absher	183 Old Ridge Road Crumpler, NC 28617 (336) 982-2163
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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek	Elder James McNeill
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Riverview	Elder James McNeill
Roans Creek	Elder Floyd South
Senter	Elder Bobby Absher

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694	15
Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis 315 Jarvis Road, Ennice, NC 28623	10
North Fork: Mary Bare 521 Oak Knob Trail, West Jefferson, NC 28694	15
Riverview: Paul Miller 1897 Conley Cheek Rd., Fleetwood, NC 28626	25
Roans Creek: Elder Floyd South 278 South Avenue, West Jefferson, NC 28694	20
Senter: Vernon Roten 184 Big Flatts Mortz Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626	40

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620	2
Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 28110	20
The Christian Baptist Library PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	2
Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin PO Box 572, Culpeper, VA 22701	20
Mountain: Roy Truitt 102 Gentry Street, Galax, VA 24336	20
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association: Randolph Miller Rt. 1, Box 58, Union, WV 24983	20
New Liberty Primitive Baptist Association: Ronald Sargent 2302 Jefferson Ave., Point Pleasant, WV 25550 304-675-1482	20

North Carolina Collection: The Library 2
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514
The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244
Silver Creek: Revonda Swanson 21
2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
St. Clair's Bottom Association: Blaine Owens 21
103 Jefferson Drive, Bristol, VA 24201
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library 2
Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek: 1st Sunday in May
Beaver Creek: 4th Sunday in May
Senter: 2nd Sunday in June
Riverview: 3rd Sunday in June
North Fork: 1st Sunday in July
Roans Creek: 4th Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

14. The pastor of the host church shall act as moderator until a moderator can be elected.

15. Delegates of the host church to select the elder to preach the introductory sermon.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A.C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded and dead since last Association.

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4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they have any internal right over any church in the union.

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11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

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Proceedings
# of the
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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Edward Bowman from Mt. Lebanon Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jackson.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Larry Davis as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. A letter was read from Roans Creek Church.

The letter had been sent to each church in the Association requesting that Roans Creek Church be granted status as an independent church but retaining fellowship with the Association.

After this matter was thoroughly discussed among the delegates of the Association, it was unanimously decided that the request to be in church fellowship could not be granted as Roans Creek Church is out of order. It was agreed that no action would be taken on the status of Roans Creek Church and that the matter would be continued until the Association meets in 2010. This will give Roans Creek Church time to bring their house in order.

Since there were no delegates present to represent Roans Creek Church, it was decided a letter should be sent advising them of this decision.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from

sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

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6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.
7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.
8. Closed with prayer by Elder John Jackson.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.

3. It was brought before the 2008 Association that Article 8 in the Articles of Faith needed to be reworded to read as follows:

> "We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and in a general judgment and that the joys of the righteous will be eternal and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting."

There was no objection from the delegates to the change but according to the Constitution, number 15, twelve months notice to the churches will be given before the change is official.

A motion was made by Paul Miller and seconded by Jim Richardson to approve the change as presented during the 2008 Association. Motion was approved by delegates present.

4. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2010 at Beaver Creek Church.
5. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Beaver Creek Church.
6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
7. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
8. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
9. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
10. The finance committee report is as follows:

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Sub-Total	**$901.00**

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Expenditures:	
To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	$0.00
To the Clerk	$120.00
To the Assistant Clerk	$0.00
Paid toVisitingElders	$690.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	$350.00
Total Expenditures	$1160.00
Savings Balance	$ 548.00

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Larry Davis, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
Brother Don Walters, Assistant Clerk

10. Reading of minutes was omitted.
11. That the association adjourn through prayer by Elder Bobby Absher

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Elder Kerry Lathrop
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1713 Rescue Road, Austinville, VA 24312
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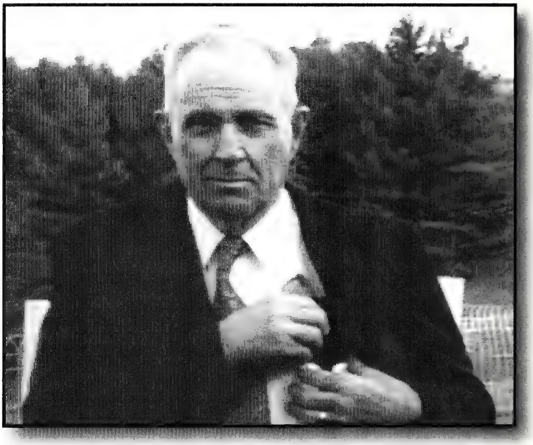
OBITUARIES

William Clint Dancy
October 5, 1922 – September 16, 2008



Brother William Clint Dancy, age 85, of Nathans Creek departed this life on Tuesday September 16, 2008 at Ashe Memorial Hospital of a heart attack. He was born October 5, 1922 to the late Alvin Lee Dancy and Jenny Colvard Dancy.

Funeral services were held September 18, 2008 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Bobby Absher and Elder Ed Bowman officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military rites where his body awaits the glorious resurrection day.

Brother Clint left his coal mining job in Grundy, Virginia to serve in the United States Army during World War II. He entered service in March 1943 and was sent to Northern France with the 398th Engineer Corp. He served two years and eight months until October 15, 1945.

On August 11, 1942, he married Virginia Christine Rose and raised a family in the Nathans Creek community. Brother Clint worked as a timber cutter and farmer. He also worked for the State Highway Department for several years.

Brother Clint and Sister Virginia were members of Senter Primitive Baptist Church and both were baptized on May 22, 1994. Brother Clint loved his church and the people in it. He was a faithful and dedicated member until his death.

Brother Clint is survived by his wife, Virginia of the home, one son, Bill Dancy of Winston Salem, and one daughter, Linda Whittington of Wilkesboro; five grandchildren, David Whittington, Randy Whittington, Chris Dancy, Lisa Dymont, and Dawn Arrimore; nine great grandchildren, three sisters: Iva Hilliard, Jean Hartzog, and Mary Bare.

Brother Clint loved his family and loved when they came to visit.

Benjamin Darius Miller
December 23, 1918 – August 18, 2009

Benjamin Darius Miller was born December 23, 1918 in Ashe County, North Carolina to the late Columbus Walter and Jenny Vannoy Miller. He passed away at age 90 on August 18, 2009 at Watauga Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at the Boone Family Funeral Home and Chapel. Elder E. W. Hooven and Elder Bobby Absher officiated. Burial followed in Ashe Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Brother Ben is survived by his wife, Ermalee Brooks Miller, two daughters, Clara Miller Shore and husband, Tom of Pinehall, NC, and Crystal Miller Little and husband Tommy of Crumpler, NC; a sister Mamie Osborne of Galax, VA; four grandsons, Kristopher Little, Kirk Shore, Kent Shore, Derek Shore, a granddaughter Amanda Shore; five great grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Brother Ben served as a Staff Sergeant in the US Army Air Force during World War II from March 1943 until January 1946. He was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands in the 13th Emergency Rescue Boat Squadron.

On April 27, 1952, he married Ermalee Brooks. They farmed and worked together and raised their family on the Miller family farm along the South Fork of the New River in Fleetwood, NC.

Brother Ben united with the Senter Primitive Baptist Church with his wife, Ermalee on July 25, 1987. He always believed in a powerful God and was a faithful member and attended services as long as his health permitted.

Brother Ben always worked hard and was a caring husband, loving father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. It is a great comfort knowing his spirit has now gone back to God who gave it, and his body is awaiting the great Resurrection Day.

STATISTICAL TABLE

2009

Church Organized	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sundays of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.		Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1832	Bear Creek	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Sister Ruth Severt	May	1	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	3	$80.00
1785	Beaver Creek	Elder Larry Davis, Bro. Tony Jordan, Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Jason Davis, Alt.	May	2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	8	$120.00
1785	North Fork	Brother Arvil Scott, Brother Grover Burchette, Sister Mary Bare	July	1 3	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	13	$155.00
1898	Riverview	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Donnie Cox, Bro. Joel McNeill, Bro. Ray Bentley, Alt.	June	1 3	1	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	20	$211.00
1869	Roans Creek	No letter from Roans Creek. No delegates present.													
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Tony Miller, Bro. Vernon Roten, Bro. Ray Roten, Alt.	June	1 2 4	1	0	3	0	0		0	0	2	36	$335.00
		TOTAL...............................													901.00

MINUTES

of the
One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
of the
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
BEAVER CREEK CHURCH
Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, and 12, 2010

The next session will convene with Riverview Church on Friday, September 9, 2011 and continuing on Saturday and Sunday September 10, and 11, 2011. Directions to Riverview Church: From the intersection of 221 and 163 near West Jefferson go south on 221 approximately 0.3 miles. Turn left on Nettle Knob Road, go three miles to the Lower Nettle Knob Road. Go 3.5 miles to the Phillips Gap Road, turn right and the church is a brick building on the left about 1 mile.

OFFICERS

ELDER JAMES MCNEILL................................ MODERATOR
5868 US Hwy. 221 N. Crumpler, NC 28617   336-982-3802

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244 W.A. Reed Road, Laurel Springs, NC 28644

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775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694   336-877-4723

Proceedings
# of the
Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Absher from Senter Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ronald Bowman from Pine Grove Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jackson.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Larry Davis as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

A letter was read from Roans Creek Church stating they voted to maintain membership in the Senter Association. They stated they have complied with the Third article of the 2009 Minutes of the last session of the Senter Association. This action was taken in a meeting on the 2nd Sunday evening, July 2010 with Elder Eddie Lyle standing as moderator pro-temp and Jackie Sheets, Clerk.

A motion was made with a second to accept Roans Creek petitionary letter to maintain membership in the Senter Association. Motion passed.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Brother Bobby Davis
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Carl Williams

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina

Elder John R. Jackson

St. Clair Association

Brother Billy Joe Lyle
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder Schultz Pratt

Flint River Fellowship

Brother Raburn and Sister Clarcia Avery

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Ronald Bowman

Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church

Sister Maylease Mabe

Little Bluestone Primitive Baptist Church

Brother Douglas Wayne Harvey

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Vernon Roten

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Don Walters
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Jim Richardson

6. That the committee on arrangements will meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Brother Don Walters.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2011 at Riverview Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Riverview Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee report is as follows:

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Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$347.00
Total	**$1254.00**
Savings Balance	$548.00
Expenditures:	
To the Moderator	$0.00
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Total Expenditures	**$1247.00**

10. Reading of minutes was omitted.

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11. That the association adjourn through prayer by Elder Curtis Hash.

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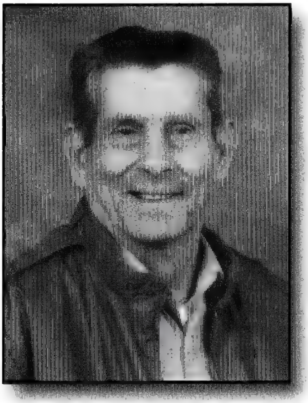

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MINUTES

of the
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Held with
BEAVER CREEK CHURCH
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775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694 336-877-4723

Proceedings
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The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Absher from Senter Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Ronald Bowman from Pine Grove Church.

The Association was opened with prayer by Elder John Jackson.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder James McNeill as Moderator, Elder Larry Davis as Assistant Moderator, Elder Bobby Absher as Clerk, and Brother Don Walters as Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

A letter was read from Roans Creek Church stating they voted to maintain membership in the Senter Association. They stated they have complied with the Third article of the 2009 Minutes of the last session of the Senter Association. This action was taken in a meeting on the 2nd Sunday evening, July 2010 with Elder Eddie Lyle standing as moderator pro-temp and Jackie Sheets, Clerk.

A motion was made with a second to accept Roans Creek petitionary letter to maintain membership in the Senter Association. Motion passed.

4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia

Brother Bobby Davis
Elder Curtis Hash
Brother Carl Williams

Reorganized Silver Creek Association of North Carolina

Elder John R. Jackson

St. Clair Association

Brother Billy Joe Lyle
Elder Eddie Lyle
Elder Schultz Pratt

Flint River Fellowship

Brother Raburn and Sister Clarcia Avery

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church
Elder Ronald Bowman
Mt. Lebanon Primitive Baptist Church
Sister Maylease Mabe
Little Bluestone Primitive Baptist Church
Brother Douglas Wayne Harvey

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Arvil Scott
Brother Don Walters
Brother Vernon Roten

B. COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS:
Brother Vernon Roten
Brother Wayne Severt
Brother Tony Jordan
Brother Paul Miller
Brother Jim Richardson
Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:
Elder Bobby Absher
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6. That the committee on arrangements will meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

8. Closed with prayer by Brother Don Walters.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

The Association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Bobby Absher.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.
2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted but printed in the minutes.
3. The next Association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, before the second Sunday in September 2011 at Riverview Church.
4. Night meetings will be held Friday and Saturday nights at Riverview Church.
5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 250 copies of the minutes and distribution of the same.
6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.
7. The clerk was appointed as treasurer to hold all funds for printing and postage of minutes.
8. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.
9. The finance committee report is as follows:

Reported from Churches – Year 2010

Bear Creek	$80.00
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Sub-Total	**$907.00**
Received from donations Friday through Sunday	$347.00
Total	**$1254.00**
Savings Balance	$548.00
Expenditures:	
To the Moderator	$0.00
To the Assistant Moderator	0.00
To the Clerk	$120.00
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Paid toVisiting Elders	$600.00
Designated for printing and postage of minutes	$350.00
Cost of Food	$177.00
Total Expenditures	**$1247.00**

10. Reading of minutes was omitted.

Elder James McNeill, Moderator
Elder Larry Davis, Assistant Moderator
Elder Bobby Absher, Clerk
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11. That the association adjourn through prayer by Elder Curtis Hash.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder Curtis Hash
2495 Powerhouse Road, Independence, VA. 24348
Elder John Jackson
1103 Tom Jackson Road, Boone, NC 28607

Elder Ronald Bowman
    1713 Rescue Road, Austinville, VA 24312
Elder Schultz Pratt
    PO Box 843, Glade Spring, VA 24340
Elder Eddie Lyle
    1521 Elliott Rd., West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Avery Branch
    202 Poplar Springs Rd., Elkin, NC 28621

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Curtis Hash (introduced with prayer)
Elder Ronald Bowman (introductory sermon)
Elder Bobby Absher (opened business with prayer)

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Larry Davis (introduced with prayer)
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Sunday Morning:

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ANNUAL MEETING

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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES AND NUMBER OF MINUTES; CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beaver Creek: Don Walters 775 Boggs Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694	15
Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis 315 Jarvis Road, Ennice, NC 28623	10
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

The American Baptist Historical Society 3001 Mercer University Dr., Atlanta, GA 30341-4155	2
Bear Creek: Tim Herrin 3219 Baucom Manor Rd., Monroe, NC 281 10	20
The Christian Baptist Library PO Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220	2
Ebenezer: Wayne F. Baldwin 1458 Fords Shop Rd, Culpeper, Virginia 22701	20
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Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Association: Randolph Miller Rt.1 Box 58, Union, West Virginia 24983	20
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The Primitive Baptist Library: Elon College 2
4023 North, NC 87, Elon College, NC 27244
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2132 Blue Ridge Circle, Lenoir, NC 28645
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Box 7777, Reynolds Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

COMMUNION MEETINGS

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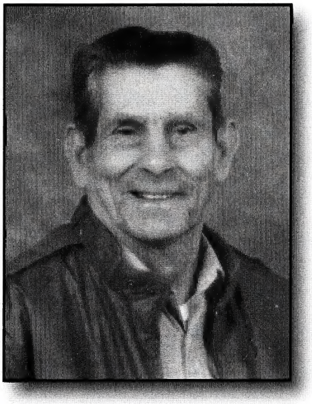

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1869	Roans Creek	Bro. Richard Bare, Sister Jackie Sheets, Sister Virgie Bare		2	0	0	0	0	0		3	0	0	5	$40.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Jim Richardson, Bro. Tony Miller, Bro. Ray Roten, Bro. Vernon Roten, Alt.	June	1 2 4	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	36	$390.00
		TOTAL..............................			3	0	0	0	0		3	0	3	81	907.00